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HISTORY: Born and raised in small-town America, 16-year-old mutant Victor Borkowski lived a normal life despite his reptilian appearance. The close-knit community accepted the boy for who he was until the world's growing anti-mutant sentiment reached their town. For his own safety, his parents sent him to the Xavier Institute for Higher Learning, run by the mutant heroes the X-Men. There, he was codenamed Anole, after the species of chameleon, and began to excel academically. Initially choosing Wolverine as his student advisor, Victor soon realized they were incompatible and opted for Karma instead, becoming her first advisee. Victor was later placed on Northstar's Alpha Squadron and soon became squad leader. Struggling with his own sexuality, Victor formed a close bond with the openly gay Northstar. When a brainwashed Wolverine killed Northstar, Victor initially had trouble dealing with the loss; unaware of Northstar's subsequent resurrection, Victor learned to cope with help from Karma, who became his advisor once more.

Following "M-Day," when the Scarlet Witch turned most of the world's mutants into ordinary humans, Victor was among the few mutants who retained their abilities. After co-headmistress Emma Frost disbanded the school's squads, Victor participated in a battle royale with the other students to determine who would join the school's New X-Men class, but failed to be chosen. Regardless, Victor remained at the Institute, where he mourned those depowered students slain by the anti-mutant Rev. William Stryker and his Purifiers, and was present when Stryker's Purifiers assaulted the Institute. Later, when the Children of the Vault sent Northstar and his sister Aurora to attack the Institute, Victor was thrilled to see Northstar alive, though the brainwashed Northstar knocked him unconscious. After attending another funeral for his fellow students, Victor was among the students who witnessed the X-Men's battle with the Hulk before they were kidnapped to Limbo by Belasco, who was seeking his former pupil Magik (Ilyana Rasputin). Attacked by demons, Victor had his left arm torn off by one before he and his fellow students were saved by Ilyana's Darkchild aspect, who imprisoned them as she sought to take student Pixie's soul to use against Belasco. Victor subsequently regenerated a new, more monstrously proportioned arm before saving Pixie from the Darkchild. The students then opposed Belasco's efforts to bring the entire Earth to limbo and witnessed his defeat by the Darkchild before she teleported them back to the Institute. Victor subsequently joined the New X-Men alongside Pixie and Gentle and participated in a strike against the Purifiers, during which they fled from Lady Deathstrike and her new Reavers.

REAL NAME: Victor "Vic" Borkowski

ALIASES: None

IDENTITY: Known to authorities

OCCUPATION: Adventurer, student

CITIZENSHIP: USA

PLACE OF BIRTH: Unrevealed

KNOWN RELATIVES: Mr. & Mrs. Borkowski (parents)

GROUP AFFILIATION: New X-Men, Xavier Institute student body; formerly Alpha Squadron

EDUCATION: Various courses at Xavier Institute for Higher Learning, Westchester, New York

FIRST APPEARANCE: New Mutants #2 (2003); (identified) New Mutants #7-8 (2004); (Anole) New X-Men: Academy X Yearbook Special #1 (2005)

HEIGHT: 5'9"
WEIGHT: 129 lbs.

EYES: Brown
HAIR: None; formerly Black

ABILITIES/ACCESSORIES: Anole's reptilian mutation grants him the ability to camouflage his skin to match the pattern of almost any surface; a spiked carapace on his head; a sticky prehensile forked tongue; pads on his hands and feet that allow him to cling to solid surfaces; and a regenerative ability that can grow replacement limbs, though the full extent of this power remains unclear. After losing his right arm, Anole grew a replacement arm covered in spikes and with enhanced muscle mass that grants him enhanced strength, though only from that arm.

POWER GRID 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

INTELLIGENCE

STRENGTH

SPEED

DURABILITY

ENERGY PROJECTION

FIGHTING SKILLS



Art by Humberto Ramos

REAL NAME: Unrevealed
ALIASES: "Mongrel" (English translation of name)
IDENTITY: No dual identity
OCCUPATION: Assassin
CITIZENSHIP: Unrevealed
PLACE OF BIRTH: Unrevealed
KNOWN RELATIVES: James Howlett (Wolverine, father), Itsu (mother, deceased), others
GROUP AFFILIATION: Unrevealed
EDUCATION: Unrevealed
FIRST APPEARANCE: (Partial) Wolverine: Origins #5 (2006); (full, identified) Wolverine: Origins #11 (2007)

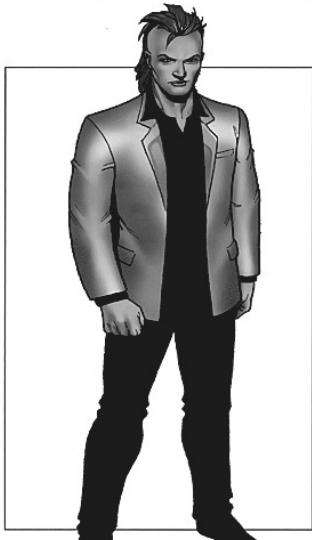
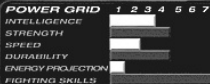
HISTORY: Decades ago, Itsu — the pregnant, Japanese wife of James Howlett (later the mutant super hero Wolverine) — was killed by brainwashed KGB assassin the Winter Soldier (James Buchanan "Bucky" Barnes). Unbeknownst to Howlett, his unborn baby survived — likely due to his inherited mutant healing factor — and was abducted by the Winter Soldier. Eventually known as Daken, Howlett's son underwent training

as an assassin. Recently, mutant telepath Emma Frost revealed to Wolverine that his son was alive and full of hate for him. Preparing for the inevitable confrontation with Daken, Wolverine sought the only weapon that could negate his son's healing factor, the Carbonadium Synthesizer ("C-Synth"), held by the Black Widow (Natasha Romanova). After a failed attempt to obtain the C-Synth in Brussels, Wolverine was captured by SHIELD. Promised that he could someday confront Wolverine on open ground, Daken infiltrated a SHIELD facility in Berlin to confront his parent. Finally face to face with his helpless, captive father, Daken eviscerated him, but stopped short of killing him. Daken returned to a student flat where he had been staying with an American girlfriend. Toying with her emotions, he allowed her to catch him "seducing" a strange gentleman whom he later savagely killed for his passport. Anticipating her every subsequent move, Daken secretly poisoned her wine with sleeping pills, and killed her purely for his own amusement.

In Potsdam, he received a message that his master was displeased with Daken neglecting his ultimate goal by seeking his father; Daken killed the messenger in reply. He next traveled to Brussels where Wolverine had broken into a bank vault to obtain the C-Synth. Daken defeated his father, slicing open Wolverine's neck; however, Wolverine's old foe Cyber — possessing the body of Milo Gunderson, a superhumanly strong, mentally challenged man — arrived seeking information on Daken's master. Cyber subdued Daken, but Wolverine enabled his son to escape and Cyber then suffered a heart attack while battling Wolverine. With the C-Synth, Wolverine visited the Tinkerer to aid Cyber in exchange for information. The Tinkerer also made Wolverine three rifle shells with Carbonadium slugs; Wolverine left the shells for the Winter Soldier, and threw the C-Synth into a river. Meanwhile, on a freight car in Eastern Europe, Daken was whipped with a steel cable by one of his master's blind and mute slaves, while instructed to stay away from his father until his master is done manipulating Wolverine.

HEIGHT: 5'9" **EYES:** Blue
WEIGHT: 167 lbs. **HAIR:** Black

ABILITIES/ACCESSORIES: Daken has superhuman strength, reflexes, endurance, longevity and sensory acuity, and an advanced healing factor (the extent of which is yet to be determined). He possesses three retractable bone claws housed within each hand: two dorsal and one palmar below the wrist. Daken can disguise his own scent to the point where even Wolverine's hyper-senses cannot detect him. He is a trained assassin highly skilled in espionage, and was taught many forms of armed and unarmed combat by Cyber. An excellent tracker, he is fluent in German.



Art by Joe Quesada

HISTORY: Born a strange-looking mutant, Armando Munoz was left alone with his mother at age 4 after his father rejected him and left. His mother resented Armando for this, and he resolved to make her happy again. Four years later, testing revealed his genius-level intelligence and private academies offered to fund his further education; this pleased his mother, albeit not for the reasons Armando had hoped for. His mother gladly enrolled him in the Biltmore Academy boarding school, where he was bullied relentlessly for years due to his appearance until, at age 15, his latent mutant ability manifested and he fought back, subconsciously hardening his hands and beating the bullies unconscious. Later, during a visit home, he saved his mother's life after her smoking caused a fire. The senior scientist at Biltmore tested Armando and published a paper about his ability that outed him as a mutant and dubbed him "Darwin, the Evolving Boy." Rejected by his mother, Armando attempted suicide, but his mutation saved him. The resident psychiatrist recommended Armando to renowned geneticist Moira MacTaggart, who took him in and began training him in the use of his powers. He and MacTaggart's other young students were later recruited by Moira's colleague Professor Charles Xavier to join his X-Men and rescue the team's original members from the living island Krakoa. The monster killed three of Darwin's teammates, but not before they sent him and Kid Vulcan to safety deep underground. After the X-Men hurled Krakoa into space, unaware of the two survivors, Darwin instinctively converted himself into pure energy and bonded with Kid Vulcan, trying to keep them both alive.

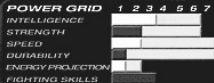
Years later, the reality-altering "M-Day" event revived Kid Vulcan. Darwin's consciousness also reawakened inside Vulcan, but he was helpless to prevent Vulcan's vengeful attacks on the X-Men. Telepathically liberated by Rachel Summers during this conflict, Darwin regained physical form as his mutation quickly rebuilt his body. After recuperating at Xavier's Institute, Darwin agreed to help Xavier locate Vulcan, who had left Earth bound for the interstellar Shi'ar Empire of his birth. Rejoining the X-Men, Darwin helped commandeer a Shi'ar ship and they set off in pursuit of Vulcan. Ambushed by Warskulls, Darwin witnessed Xavier's kidnapping and secretly hitched a ride on the kidnapper's shuttle, which arrived at the Shi'ar High Council's Starways. Attempting to rescue Xavier, Darwin was captured and imprisoned after seeing former Shi'ar Majestor D'ken

REAL NAME: Armando Munoz
ALIASES: The Evolving Boy
IDENTITY: Secret
OCCUPATION: Adventurer; former student
CITIZENSHIP: USA
PLACE OF BIRTH: New York City, New York
KNOWN RELATIVES: Unidentified parents
GROUP AFFILIATION: X-Men
EDUCATION: Muir-MacTaggart Research & Development Institute, New York; Biltmore Academy for Advanced Education, New York; unidentified middle school
FIRST APPEARANCE: X-Men: Deadly Genesis #2 (2006)

reclaim the throne. Confronted by Vulcan, Darwin learned of his plans to marry D'ken's sister Deathbird and to execute Xavier on their wedding day. Taken to the ceremony at the site of the M'kraan Crystal dimensional nexus, Darwin witnessed an assault on the ceremony by the X-Men and their allies, deposed Shi'ar Majestrix Lilandra and interstellar pirates the Starjammers. When Vulcan threw Xavier into the Crystal, Darwin dove in after him, protected from the Crystal's mind-shattering effects by his mutation. Darwin rescued Xavier and retreated with him to the X-Men's ship, unaware that Lilandra had pre-programmed it to return them to Earth to ensure Xavier's safety. Later, when the Hulk sought to kidnap Xavier, Darwin opposed him alongside the X-Men, the New X-Men and X-Factor Investigations. Darwin's power reacted by absorbing the gamma energy from the Hulk; however, Darwin was forced to leave the battle when his power instinctively teleported him away in response to Hulk's savage assault.

HEIGHT: 6'4"
WEIGHT: 150 lbs.
EYES: (Originally) Brown; (currently) White (no visible iris)
HAIR: None

ABILITIES/ACCESSORIES: Darwin's mutation is in a state of continual reaction, adapting to whatever his current situation demands. For example, if placed in total darkness his eyes automatically adapt to allow him to see; if underwater he grows functioning gills; if exposed to fire his body becomes fireproof; if falling, his bones soften and his body elasticizes to cushion his landing; or if exposed to the void of space, he no longer requires oxygen and the density of his skin and internal structure increase. His mutation's adaptivity seems limitless; however, he lacks conscious control, and his adaptations are purely instinctive. Thus far, Darwin's mutation has not displayed any capacity for generating energy beyond converting his physical form into same. It has also afforded him a genius-level intellect, and he has shown the capacity to learn new skills and languages with only limited exposure.



*YELLOW BARS INDICATE DARWIN'S REACTIVE MUTATION



DAZZLER

REAL NAME: Alison "Al" Blaire

ALIASES: Disco Dazzler, "Songbird," "Lightengale," Skippy, Dolores Rudolph, Alison Brown, Sandy Blossom

IDENTITY: Publicly known

OCCUPATION: Professional singer, adventurer; former revolutionary, waitress, actress, gladiator, dance exercise instructor, model

CITIZENSHIP: USA

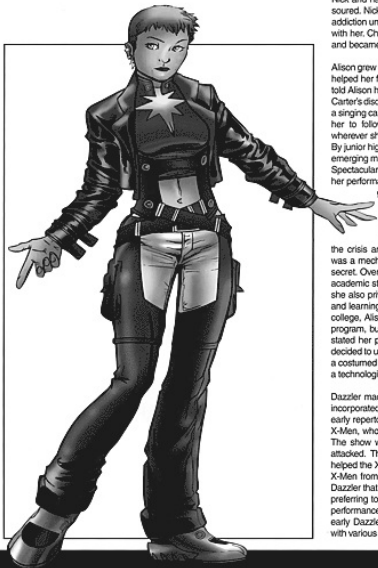
PLACE OF BIRTH: Gardendale, Long Island, New York

KNOWN RELATIVES: Carter Blaire (father, deceased), Katherine "Kate" Blaire (Barbara London, mother), Lois London (half-sister), Bella "Nana" Blaire (grandmother), Nick Brown (stepfather), Longshot (husband)

GROUP AFFILIATION: Excalibur; formerly X-Babies (guardian), Mojoverse rebellion, X-Men, Lila Cheney's band, Gladiators, Millie's Models, Dazzler's band, many other musical groups

EDUCATION: Graduated magna cum laude from pre-law college program

FIRST APPEARANCE: X-Men #130 (1980)



HISTORY: Doubly gifted with a beautiful singing voice and mutant light abilities, Alison Blaire has long struggled to balance her show business aspirations and the responsibilities that come with her super-powers. She inherited her musical talent from her mother, Katherine Springer, a successful New York jazz singer who married up-and-coming lawyer Carter Blaire. While the free-spirited Katherine and the serious Carter were polar opposites, they were happy together throughout their courtship and early marriage. Carter disapproved of Katherine's profession, regarding show business as demeaning and unsavory, but tolerated it because her income supported them while he finished law school and established his legal practice. As of Alison's birth, Carter's practice was profitable enough to support their family, but Katherine refused to give up her music career. The couple began fighting incessantly and Katherine spent more time in clubs, keeping late hours and drinking heavily. While Alison was still a toddler, Katherine fell for charming lowlife Nick Brown who encouraged her drinking and hooked her on drugs; she abandoned her family, claiming it was for Alison's own good since her long-broken marriage had created a terrible home environment. Katherine divorced Carter, married Nick and had a daughter with him, Lois, but the second marriage soon soured. Nick's infidelity and physical abuse drove Katherine deeper into addiction until she finally found the courage to leave Nick, taking little Lois with her. Changing her name to Barbara London, Katherine sobered up and became a music teacher, forsaking her past life.

Alison grew up quietly in Gardendale, where her loving grandmother Bella helped her father raise her. A stern and demanding parent, Carter never told Alison how her mother had left them; however, the divorce intensified Carter's disdain for show business, and he discouraged Alison's dreams of a singing career despite her obvious musical talent, constantly pressuring her to follow in his footsteps as a lawyer. Regardless, Alison sang wherever she could — in her room, at parties, in her school's glee club. By junior high, Alison had begun suffering migraines due to her gradually emerging mutant powers. When she sang at the Gardendale High Spring Spectacular talent contest against her father's wishes, the excitement of her performance triggered her latent mutant powers, and she unwittingly generated a spectacular light show while singing. When the Blazing Lords street gang attacked the crowd as revenge for being barred from the event, Alison instinctively used her light powers to generate a dazzling flash that temporarily blinded everyone in the auditorium except herself, defusing the crisis and stopping the show. The crowd assumed her light show was a mechanical effect that malfunctioned, so her powers remained a secret. Over the ensuing years, she divided her time between intensive academic studies and performing with various musical groups; however, she also privately experimented with her powers, increasing her control and learning how her light abilities required sound to function. Attending college, Alison graduated magna cum laude from a prestigious pre-law program, but her father's pride turned to bitter estrangement when she stated her plans to pursue a full-time music career. Undaunted, Alison decided to use her light-generating powers in her musical act and created a costumed stage persona as the Dazzler, claiming her light shows were a technological gimmick.

Dazzler made her debut at a run-down lower Manhattan disco, having incorporated disco elements into her Dazzler guise and much of her early repertoire. Her first audience included several of the heroic mutant X-Men, who had detected Dazzler's mutancy and sought to recruit her. The show was interrupted when mutant-hunting Hellfire Club soldiers attacked. Though reluctant to use her powers for violence, Dazzler helped the X-Men defeat them, and even aided in rescuing several other X-Men from Hellfire Club captivity; however, when the X-Men informed Dazzler that she was a mutant and invited her to join them, she declined, preferring to conceal her mutant nature and only use her powers in her performances. Blaire's X-Men encounter set the pattern for much of her early Dazzler career — working as a singer, getting drawn into battles with various menaces due to her powers, and befriending assorted super



heroes. Her many friends and allies within the super-hero community came to include the Avengers (who offered her membership twice), the Fantastic Four, the X-Men, the Inhumans, Heroes for Hire, Spider-Man, Blue Shield, Bruce Banner, Paladin, Quasar (Wendell Vaughn) and others. She reluctantly clashed with music-industry menaces like the twisted special effects genius Technasm and musicians-turned-criminals Johnny Guitar and Dr. Sax;

world-class threats like Latverian tyrant Dr. Doom, the demon Nightmare and the Norse goddess Amora the Enchantress, who held a bitter grudge against the Dazzler after Alison bested her in a singing contest; and a seemingly endless string of super-criminals such as Lightmaster, Thermo, Klaw, the Grapplers, Mechano-Marauder, Dr. Octopus, Absorbing Man, Flame and the Brotherhood of Evil Mutants, whose unstable junior member Rogue pursued a vendetta against Dazzler. Blaire even briefly served the planet-eating cosmic being Galactus, helping retrieve his rogue herald Terrax.

Despite her increasingly bizarre lifestyle, Alison remained dedicated to music. Her influential agent Harry S. Osgood became a friend and mentor, eventually learning of her mutant powers and helping her conceal them. He also assembled Dazzler's longtime backup band, composed of veteran musicians Manfred Marx, Phil "Hunch" Panasci and Forsythe "Beef" Wellington, who likewise became Blaire's close friends. Blaire even grew fond of Osgood's know-it-all field manager Lance Steele and catty receptionist Cassandra Ferlinghetti despite herself, regarding Osgood's agency as a rollicking family of sorts; however, Dazzler's career path was an erratic roller coaster. One of the high points was a charity performance at Carnegie Hall, where she finally reconciled with her father and was even reunited with her long-lost mother. Dazzler and her band also recorded an album, which got some radio play and helped raise her profile in the music industry. Juggling heroics and show business left Alison little time for a personal life, though she seldom lacked suitors. Steady boyfriend Dr. Paul Janson dumped her after deciding he needed a more stable, normal girlfriend. Blaire next dated lawyer Ken Barnett, who successfully defended her on murder charges after she seemingly destroyed sonic villain Klaw in self-defense. Her romance with Barnett was complicated by the X-Men's Angel (Warren Worthington III), a wealthy playboy who began courting Dazzler. While charmed and flattered by Angel's attentions, Alison tried to discourage Warren's interest out of loyalty to Ken and fear of further immersion in the super-hero lifestyle, though the two became close friends and shared a few romantic interludes. After moving to Los Angeles to advance her career, Blaire gradually lost touch with Angel, Ken and even the Osgood agency crowd. Harry having dropped her as a client since he lacked California connections.



By this time, Alison had befriended her half-sister Lois and helped the younger woman cope with her own emerging mutant powers, but their relationship became strained when Lois reconciled with her father Nick Brown, now a wealthy talent agent. Brown brought Dazzler to the attention of aging multimedia superstar Roman Nekoboh, who soon seduced Alison. She became Roman's lover, informed him of her powers and agreed to star in his next movie. As a publicity stunt, Roman publicly revealed Alison's mutant

nature, persuading her that a Dazzler movie could help improve public attitudes regarding mutants; however, Blaire's exposure as a mutant actually provoked a firestorm of increased anti-mutant sentiment, ruining her career and jeopardizing Roman's as well. This played perfectly into the secret plans of the film's primary financial backer, producer Eric Beale, an infatuated fan whom Alison had rejected months earlier. Coveting control of the still-valuable Roman and wanting revenge on Alison, Beale threatened to scrap the nearly-finished Dazzler movie but offered to save the film and salvage their careers if Blaire and Nekoboh signed away complete control of their careers to Beale. Alison flatly rejected the offer, destroying the last known print of the film rather than leave it in Beale's hands.

Amicably leaving Roman for the sake of his career, Alison found herself blacklisted in the entertainment industry due to anti-mutant prejudice. At her lowest ebb, she was briefly manipulated into joining the brutal underground fighting troupe known as the Gladiators, but escaped their control with the aid of fellow mutant Beast (Hank McCoy), sharing a brief romance with him. Her powers having greatly increased after she pushed them beyond her usual limits during the movie project, Alison honed them further by training with the X-Men, who also supplied her with a power-augmenting costume. Her power and personality attracted the notice of the naive cosmic entity Beyonder, but she rejected his romantic overtures. Another admirer, mutant Arthur Allan Smith, helped Dazzler, Beast and bounty hunter O.Z. Chase thwart the plans of fanatical cult leaders Dust and Silence to exploit Dazzler's powers, though not before Dust killed Alison's father. Unable to find work as the notorious Dazzler, Alison turned to old friend Lisa Cheney, another pop star with concealed mutant powers, and joined Lisa's band in disguise. This arrangement ended when the Marauders assassin team began targeting the X-Men and their associates, including Dazzler. Possessed by the psychic assassin Malice, Alison blew her cover and attacked the X-Men, who freed Dazzler and defeated Malice.

Hunted, hated, directionless and desperate, Dazzler finally joined the X-Men. Despite her reluctance, and her fear that she couldn't measure up to her more experienced partners, Dazzler gradually developed greater self-confidence and more formidable skills, becoming an effective and long-serving member of the group. She also reconciled to some extent with her old foe Rogue, now her teammate, and started a romance with fellow new recruit Longshot, a swashbuckling hero from the otherdimensional Mojave. Along the way, Alison discovered that the criminal Juggernaut (Cain Marko) was one of her biggest fans, though that didn't stop her from helping the X-Men defeat him. When Dazzler and her fellow X-Men sacrificed themselves to save the world from the Adversary, cosmic overseer Roma rewarded the team by resurrecting them; however, the group had become wanted outlaws and were still being hunted by major menaces such as the Marauders who threatened their friends and loved ones, so they decided to keep their resurrection secret and began operating covertly out of a base in the Australian outback. This new arrangement proved effective for a time, as the X-Men neutralized the Marauders and various other threats, but when the team began losing members and faced seemingly certain doom at the hands of the cyborg Reavers, interim leader Psylocke decided to save her surviving teammates by mentally influencing them into entering the Siege Perilous, a mystical portal through which they were reborn into new lives.

Rematerializing in Malibu, an amnesiac Alison was found and assisted by Lisa Cheney's bodyguard Guido Carosella. By now, her old friend Fred Stanachek had bought out Beale Productions' assets after Eric Beale went bankrupt, and Fred found a lost copy of Dazzler's movie in the company's files. Discovering Alison's resurrection, Fred persuaded her to help him find backers to complete, promote and distribute the film, which quickly became a cult classic, fueling new interest in Dazzler as a musician and a celebrity. Meanwhile, the still-obsessed Eric Beale tried to kill Alison, but she used her light powers to alter Beale's emotions, negating his hatred

of her. Gradually regaining her memories, Dazzler was reunited with Longshot and joined his homeworld's rebellion, helping them overthrow the tyrant Mojo. Apparently married during their time in the Mojaverse, Dazzler and Longshot were expecting a child not long after toppling Mojo, but Alison lost the baby under unrevealed circumstances. The rebels also lost control of their world's politics as new ruler Mojo II became tyrannical and the original Mojo himself eventually returned to power. Dazzler and Longshot continued to lead the resistance in the Mojaverse while serving as guardians of the X-Babies, junior facsimiles of the X-Men created by Mojo. When Mojo tried to replace his X-Babies with similar baby versions of dangerous super-criminals, he lost control of his new creations and they devastated the entire Mojaverse. With Longshot lost and presumed dead, a broken Dazzler returned to Earth, where she briefly aided the X-Men against Magneto before trying to revive her long-dormant music career.

While she enjoyed some minor success with a nostalgic disco-themed tour, during which bodyguard Deadpool and Dazzler fan Rhino saved Alison from a murderous anti-disco fanatic, she was frustrated that audiences often seemed to regard her as a freakish novelty act. The situation worsened after most mutants were de-powered during "M-Day," sparking increased persecution of the few remaining mutants. Dazzler was performing at a London club when she and several other heroes—including a reformed Juggernaut, alternate-reality heroine Nocturne,

premier British hero Captain Britain, mutant cyberpath Sage and unsavory government operative Peta Wisdom — teamed up to defeat Shadow-X, corrupt alternate reality X-Men. Shortly thereafter, Alison joined her new allies in founding a new incarnation of British super-team Excalibur under the auspices of the British government. Alison recently shared a fleeting moment of passion with Wisdom during Excalibur's battle against Albion before she discovered that Longshot was still alive, though amnesiac, as a member of the reality-traversing Exiles team. Excalibur and the Exiles teamed up to stop James Jaspers and the Fury from destroying the Omniverse, during which Longshot's memory returned and he remained on Earth with Alison and Excalibur.



Art by Anthony Castillo

HEIGHT: 5'8" EYES: Blue
WEIGHT: 115 lbs. HAIR: Strawberry blonde (currently dyed pink)

REPLACES SONIC ACCESSORIES: A mutant transducer, Dazzler constantly absorbs sonic energy from sounds in her vicinity and converts this into light. Her body can absorb and convert any type of sound, though she often prefers using pop music to charge her powers because of its steady beat and pleasant qualities. The only sound she cannot convert into light is that of her own voice, unless artificially amplified. She can absorb and convert theoretically unlimited amounts of sonic energy but often finds it harder to store larger quantities of sonic energy for long periods; however, while her light powers originally needed frequent, near-constant sonic recharging, she can now store significant sonic-energy reserves within her body, enabling her light powers to function without a sonic recharge for extended periods. She once released her stored sonic energy as sound rather than light but this is a tremendous strain. She can create a zone of complete silence by totally absorbing all the sound in her vicinity.

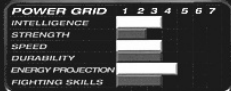
Dazzler consciously controls her light's direction, frequency (color), amplitude (intensity) and duration; without her control, the light would radiate from her body constantly in all directions, producing a sustained glow and regular flashes of white light. Her body typically glows while she is using her powers, and she can shape the light she emits into simple patterns like circles, squares, triangles, stars and rings. With greater concentration, she can reconfigure her light into realistic holograms, which she can also use as "shells" to disguise herself and others. She can generate a temporarily blinding "dazzle-burst" of several thousand watts per second; a hazy, shimmering "light fog" that obscures vision without blinding the viewer; pulsating strobe lights; or chaotic cascades of sparkling lights and colors that severely upset people's equilibrium.

With the right combinations of colors, frequencies and intensities, she can induce temporary paralysis, dizziness, seizures, unconsciousness or even emotional breakdowns. With precise effort, she can alter the viewer's moods or emotions in specific, deliberate ways—for instance, calming a panicked crowd, driving viewers into a violent frenzy, or negating an attacker's rage and hatred. While these effects are usually temporary, in rare cases they lastingly impact the viewer's personality or mental faculties. She can seemingly alter the color of people and objects by controlling how her light reflects off them, and she can generate specialized frequencies of illumination that fog photos can

and scramble television images. She is immune to the potentially negative effects of bright light and loud sound.

With concentration, Dazzler can generate laser beams capable of cutting through virtually any substance. She can also project wide-angle screens or shields of laser energy that deflect or vaporize oncoming projectiles. For less potentially lethal results, Alison often generates "solid photon" beams, coherent streams of concentrated light particles that strike with concussive force, ranging from slight impacts to blasts capable of striking with tons of force. Her "solid photon" beams are the most energy-draining aspect of her powers. Alison usually aims her laser beams or photon blasts by emitting them from a single finger (posed like a gun) or from her eyes, though she is theoretically capable of releasing these energies from any portion of her body. When releasing larger, more powerful laser beams or photon blasts, she usually uses an entire hand or both hands. Using both hands to channel her photon blasts downward, she can achieve limited flight by generating enough thrust to hurl herself into the sky like a rocket, and she uses additional blasts to slow her descent to the ground after reaching the apex of her launch. Blaire can generate "solid photon" light constructs as durable as steel, and has conjured light swords, shields and fighting sticks. She can also surround her fists with a nimbus of solid photons to increase the impact of her punches.

In recent times, Dazzler has developed a mysterious additional superpower: self-regenerative, self-resurrection abilities. Seemingly killed several times in recent battles, she has always revived within minutes and fully recovered within hours. The source, nature and limitations of this bizarre new ability remain unknown. Blaire is an athletic, agile hand-to-hand fighter with unarmed combat training from the X-Men and extensive experience in guerrilla warfare tactics. She is also a gifted singer, an experienced dancer and keyboard player, a capable actress, a skilled motorcyclist and an expert roller skater.



HISTORY: Years ago, respected UK super hero Captain Britain (Brian Braddock) and several heroic allies had formed Britain's leading super-team as Excalibur, but they eventually disbanded. More recently, when the Scarlet Witch (Wanda Maximoff) engulfed Earth-616 in a reality warp, Captain Britain and his wife Meggan traveled from Otherworld — the extradimensional realm they now ruled — to prevent their home reality's destruction. Despite being assimilated into the Scarlet Witch's new "House of M" reality, Captain Britain and Meggan saved Earth with the aid of Juggernaut (Cain Marko), Nocturne (Talia Wagner), Psylocke (Brian's sister Elizabeth), Marvel Girl (Rachel Grey) and Pete Wisdom; however, Meggan seemingly sacrificed herself to seal an interdimensional rift, preventing the warp from destabilizing the multiverse. The Scarlet Witch subsequently reversed her warp, but simultaneously depowered most of Earth's mutant population. Unaware of the cause, mutants across the globe woke on "M-Day" to find themselves powerless. Few recalled the House of M, and Brian retained only a vague impression, leaving him confused regarding his return to Earth, his wife's sacrifice, and why he could not return to Otherworld. Mutant government agent Pete Wisdom, one of the few remaining British mutants, believed that M-Day left the UK vulnerable and in need of Captain Britain to defend it. Following up their own vague recollections of the House of M, Nocturne, Psylocke, Juggernaut and Excalibur veterans Nightcrawler (Kurt Wagner), Shadowcat (Kitty Pryde) and Marvel Girl came to check on Captain Britain.

Meanwhile, the cracks in reality permitted the Shadow King — whose Earth-616 aspect had been imprisoned and then banished by Brian's siblings Elizabeth and Jamie — to bring his Earth-6141 host, Charles Xavier, to 616 in search of vengeance, accompanied by his minions, perverted versions of the X-Men later dubbed Shadow-X. They initially targeted Roger MacEwan of Fraser's Bank, perhaps because his employer, Captain Britain's one-time paramour Courtney Ross, had years ago been murdered and replaced by her psychopathic extradimensional counterpart, Sat-Yr9, the combination of a fellow extradimensional with ties to a Braddock drawing the Shadow King's interest. The former X-Man Dazzler (Alison Blaire) tried to help a terrified MacEwan escape Shadow-X, only for both to be slain. News of Dazzler's demise galvanized Brian's visitors to investigate. Some of the group checked the crime scene, reviving a Dazzler inexplicably hanging on to life, while the others went to MacEwan's intended destination to question Courtney Ross. While questioning Ross did not help identify Dazzler's assailants' identities, it did leave the heroes uncertain whether the true Courtney might have been restored in the wake of M-Day. Shadow-X attacked the gathered heroes, but with Sage's added assistance the villains were defeated and taken into custody. Wisdom took down the Shadow King's host body, firing energy blades through his brain, helping Marvel Girl to defeat him on the psychic plane.

Afterwards, Wisdom tried to convince his allies to re-form Excalibur to defend the UK. All but Nocturne declined or ignored the offer, with Nightcrawler, Psylocke, Shadowcat and Marvel Girl returning to America. Black Air, a rogue covert agency and past foes of Wisdom and Captain Britain, sent the body-stealing Warwolves to eliminate the remaining heroes before Wisdom could win them over. Meanwhile, Captain Britain's return drew other attention — Albion (Brian Bardic) of Earth-70518's war-torn England, like Brian, had been picked by omniversal guardians Merlyn and Roma to defend his world as one of their cross-dimensional Corps only to be swiftly rejected after choosing empowerment from the Sword of Might, symbolizing the path of violence, rather than the Amulet of Right, the path of reason. Raging at this perceived abandonment, Albion had sworn vengeance against the Corps, eventually finding his way across the multiverse to Earth-616 where he recruited Kelsey Leigh Kirkland (Lionheart, formerly Captain Britain). Brian's chosen successor as 616's guardian when he ruled Otherworld. Like Albion, Kelsey had chosen the Sword, only to be embittered when Brian informed her that her choice would forever estrange her from her children. As the Warwolves attacked

CURRENT MEMBERS: Captain Britain (Brian Braddock), Dazzler (Alison Blaire), Lionheart (Kelsey Kirkland Leigh), Longshot, Pete Wisdom

FORMER MEMBERS: Juggernaut (Cain Marko), Nocturne (Talia Wagner), Sage (Tessa)

BASE OF OPERATIONS: Empress Matilda Docks, Rotherhithe, London

FIRST APPEARANCE: New Excalibur #5 (2006)

Wisdom, Dazzler, Sage, Nocturne and Juggernaut, simultaneously Albion and Lionheart battled Captain Britain. The Warwolves were swiftly captured and the renegade Corps members retreated before Brian's allies interfered. In the wake of these attacks, the group acknowledged the need to reassemble Excalibur, moving into an MI-13-supplied base at Empress Matilda Docks.

Subsequently, Black Air equipped Juggernaut's former criminal partner and depowered mutant Black Tom Cassidy with new technological powers. He assailed most of Excalibur with mechanical vines while they were rescuing survivors of a terrorist bombing at Shepherd's Cross Railway Station, set by Squadron Leader Colin Hardy of the Scarlet Knights. Meanwhile, across town, Tom and his Black Air allies hijacked the transport moving Shadow-X from Wormwood Scrubs Prison to the more secure Crossmoor facility. Tom slew Dazzler, but she again mysteriously revived, and despite the diversion, Excalibur disrupted the jailbreak. Black Air escaped with Shadow-X but left behind the Shadow King, while Juggernaut convinced Tom to surrender. Transferred to Crossmoor, the Shadow Xavier soon demanded to see Psylocke. When



LEFT TO RIGHT: WISDOM, JUGGERNAUT, SAGE, CAPTAIN BRITAIN, NOCTURNE & DAZZLER

she visited his cell accompanied by Excalbur, the Shadow King revealed he was in control of Xavier and then telepathically took over Excalbur, intending to make Psylocke watch them slay Brian. In response, Psylocke telekinetically induced a stroke in Xavier, but before she could slay him, she was snatched out of reality, recruited into the extradimensional Exiles, Nocturne's previous group.

Wisdom later visited the hospitalized Chamber (Jonathan Starsmore), whose sudden "M-Day" depowering had caused him catastrophic injuries. Wisdom told Chamber that Excalbur was working on ways to heal him, adding that he hoped Chamber would join them once he recovered; however, ancient mutant Apocalypse's follower Ozymandias of Clan Akkaba restored Chamber for his own reasons. Chamber subsequently rejected both Clan Akkaba and Excalbur, preferring to find his own path. Brian sought to recruit his old ally the Black Knight (Dane Whitman) into Excalbur, but Dane was temporarily possessed by his ancestor Percy of Scandia's ghost who informed Excalbur that Camelot had been prematurely destroyed by dragons. The Lady in the Lake's magic sent Excalbur back in time, where alongside Merlin and King Arthur they defeated the dragons, actually Maelkian aliens, preserving their own timeline (and diverging the one where Camelot was destroyed into Earth-6120). Back in the present, Cyttorak, the mystic entity who empowered Juggernaut, had grown displeased with Cain's forsaking destruction to become a hero. Cyttorak telepathically played on his doubts over reforming, tempting him to return to his Korean temple to restore Cain's recently reduced powers by claiming the Ruby within. Excalbur and the Black Knight followed, finding Cain moments after he had defeated a new Juggernaut chosen by Cyttorak to replace him; however, Cain resisted returning to Cyttorak's service. Learning from Cyttorak that Cain had murdered the previous Juggernaut (Jin Takko) and an entire innocent village to gain his powers years ago, Excalbur considered expelling him upon their return home, but Wisdom, no stranger to a dark past, overruled them, unaware that Cain had taken Cyttorak's Ruby from the temple. Meanwhile, the Black Knight declined Excalbur membership, setting off on a quest to find his stolen Ebony Blade. Shortly after this, Excalbur helped repel an invasion of extradimensional Martians from Earth-691.

While foiling a bank robbery, Dazzler was again killed then spontaneously revived, but before the team could fully investigate this phenomenon, Nocturne suffered a stroke; her teammates subsequently helped her begin the slow process of recovery. Concurrently, Albion and Lionheart had forged an uneasy alliance with Black Air and Shadow-X, and were recruiting depowered mutants into the Shadow Captains, Albion's version of the Corps. Learning of this, Sage infiltrated Albion's group using the persona of Diana Fox, aka Britannia. Lionheart and Shadow-X broke into Crossmoor to free the Shadow King, but when Shadow-X offered Lionheart to their master as a new host, Lionheart slew the Shadow King, then escaped as Excalbur arrived to capture Shadow-X. Using the Crossmoor incursion as a diversion, Albion led his Shadow Captains

in a raid to steal a mystic staff capable of disrupting all advanced technology within Great Britain. The undercover Sage tried to prevent Albion activating it, but Lionheart intervened, and a magical backlash from the artifact temporarily extinguished Sage's true personality, leaving her a loyal follower of Albion. Shadow-X and Excalbur joined forces to stop him, eventually succeeding at the cost of Shadow-X's lives. During the final battle, Sage overcame the Britannia persona and Lionheart switched sides, realizing that Albion was wrong and that she could not betray her children, her country or its people. Captured, Albion was sent to Crossmoor, while Lionheart was given a second chance, remanded into Excalbur's custody and reunited with her children. Learning that the Hulk was attacking the X-Men in pursuit of his step-brother Charles Xavier, Cain invoked Cyttorak, promising to do whatever was asked of him if first Cyttorak could restore him to full power and swiftly transport him to face the Hulk; however, Cyttorak only did the latter, and Cain was swiftly defeated. Realizing that to have a chance he had to give in to his desire for destruction, Cain finally gave in and accepted that he was Cyttorak's avatar. Restored to full power, he returned to the fight, proving a match for the Hulk until his opponent tricked him into running into a lake. By the time Juggernaut emerged, the Hulk had left. Rebuffing his step-brother's gratitude, Cain left for parts unknown, warning Xavier that no one should come looking for him as they wouldn't like what they find.

Otherworld's former ruler Merlyn, apparently angry at his successors Roma and Captain Britain, sent the killer Rouge-Mort and her Janissaries to Earth-616 to slay Brian and encouraged the reality-warping Sir James Jaspers, an old foe of Brian's recently resurrected during the House of M, to attack Roma's Starlight Citadel. Jaspers, unknowingly infected with the essence of the Fury — the unstoppable killing machine that had previously slain him — transformed many of the defending Corps into pseudo-Fury's, decimating their numbers. On Earth-616, Excalbur were still celebrating their victory over Albion and an unexpected but welcome reunion with Brian's sister Psylocke and Nocturne's former lover Thunderbird (John Proudstar), both members of the Exiles, when Rouge-Mort attacked. Though swiftly driven off, Rouge-Mort gravely wounded Brian, who was rushed to the Exiles' extradimensional base for medical treatment. To her surprise, Dazzler discovered her long-missing husband Longshot among the Exiles, rendered amnesiac by their old foe Mojo, leading her to wonder if Mojo was also responsible for her recent apparent immortality. Learning of Jaspers' assault on Roma, the two teams rushed to her aid, with Wisdom and Psylocke recruiting Albion from Crossmoor to replace the injured Brian. Roma transferred her memories to Sage moments before Merlyn apparently slew her. Battling Albion, Jaspers transformed into the Fury, but with the timely assistance of a recovered Brian and the Exile Blink, the Fury was seemingly destroyed. His allies defeated, Merlyn fled, but not before he was apparently infected by the Fury's remains. Having regained some of his memories during the conflict, Longshot elected to return to Earth-616 with Dazzler, while Sage, struggling to cope with Roma's memories, chose to stay with the Exiles.



Art by Michael Ryan

HISTORY: When an unidentified species of insectoid alien explorers discovered an ancient abandoned observatory outside of space-time, they set about studying it. Naming it the Panoptichron, later the Crystal Palace, they quickly learned that its equipment allowed them to observe every other reality in the Omniverse. Apparently accessing the Reality database of Merlyn and Roma's Core Continuum, they launched expeditions into other realities in order to map each one. These expeditions led them to numerous realities including Earth-1610's "Ultimate" reality with its young X-Men mutant group and the government strikeforce Ultimates. Earth-41483 where a female vigilante became the Punisher, and many others. They became more relaxed as their expeditions became more routine, and eventually accidentally caused all of creation to become displaced and damaged. Discovering how to fix their error, they devised a story about the realities becoming naturally "broken" and sought out beings from various realities to help correct their mistakes. Using their communication equipment along with a holographic device, they created a humanoid image and called it "Timebroker." The insectoids removed various beings from their realities and had the Timebroker tell them that they had been unhinged from time, and that they must repair broken realities before they could return to their own realities. The first groups were not very successful and forced the insectoids to find replacements. Their first successful roster was Blink of Earth-295 ("Age of Apocalypse"), Magnus of Earth-27 (son of Magneto and Rogue), Mimic of Earth-12 (where Professor X saved Mimic from his darker side), Morph of Earth-1081 (who was a member of both the Avengers and the X-Men), Nocturne of Earth-2182 (where Wolverine took over from a retired Professor X), and Thunderbird of Earth-1100 (where he had become a Horseman of Apocalypse).

The Timebroker gave Blink the Talus, a communication device that would explain each mission. Calling themselves the Exiles, since they were essentially "exiled" from their own realities, the team had its first mission on Earth-1815 where all superhumans had been jailed, executed or aborted in an act of zero tolerance by humanity. Mimic completed their mission by killing an evil Charles Xavier, but Magnus sacrificed his life to save the reality. Joined by Magnus' replacement, Sunfire of Earth-2109, the team subsequently teleported to another reality. Unbeknownst to the group, the deceased Magnus was teleported back to the Crystal Palace and placed in a stasis wall by the insectoids instead of being returned to his own reality. Arriving in the Blue Area of the Moon orbiting Earth-8649 during the trial of the Phoenix, their mission was to ensure Jean Grey was killed. Disguising themselves as Imperial Guard members, they reluctantly joined the X-Men in killing Phoenix. Seeing that this team was reluctant to kill when required, the insectoids gathered a second team. Calling themselves Weapon X, alternate reality versions of Deadpool, Kane and Sabretooth were used for missions deemed too brutal for the Exiles. Eventually, the Exiles crossed paths with Weapon X — now consisting of Sabretooth, Deadpool, Hulk, Spider, Storm and Vision — on Earth-2600, a world where Sentinels eliminated all mutants and advanced humans. Instructed to kill a young David Richards, the Exiles and Sabretooth refused, resulting in a battle with Weapon X. Sabretooth seemingly slew Deadpool while the Exiles defeated the rest of Weapon X. Sabretooth decided to remain behind to raise David and save the world from destruction, ensuring he wouldn't turn into the monster the Timebroker claimed he eventually would become.

As the Exiles continued their missions, Blink and Mimic developed a romantic relationship while Nocturne and Thunderbird did the same. When the team was given a week vacation on Earth-9212 after stopping a bank robbery, Morph and Sunfire developed a strong friendship with each other. Undertaking increasingly dangerous missions, the Exiles frequently lost members only to gain new ones. Thunderbird was rendered comatose during a battle with the Galactus in Reality-5692 and was replaced by Sasquatch (Heather Hudson) of Earth-3470 (where she married and was eventually forced to kill Wolverine). After battling the V-Locks on Earth-8545, Blink was sent home and replaced with Magik of

CURRENT MEMBERS: Morph/Proteus (Kevin MacTaggart), Psylocke (Elizabeth Braddock), Mystiq (Raphael-Raven Darkholm), Rogue (Anna Raven), Sabretooth (Victor Creed), Sage (Tessa), Shadowcat (Catherine Pryde)

FORMER MEMBERS: Beak (Barnell Bohusk), Blink (Clarice Ferguson), Heather Hudson/Sasquatch, Holocaust, Magnus Lehnsherr, Longshot, Magik (Ilyana Rasputin), Mimic (Calvin Rankin), 'Morph (Kevin Sidney), Namora, Nocturne (Talia Wagner), Power Princess (Zarda Sheldon), Spider-Man (Miguel O'Hara), Sunfire (Marko Yashida), Tanarar, Thunderbird (John Proudstar)

WEAPON X: Angel (Warren Worthington III), Colossus (Piotr Rasputin), Daredevil (Matthew Murdock), Deadpool (Wade Wilson), Firestar (Angelica Jones), Gambit (Remy LeBeau), Hulk (Bruce Banner), Hulk (Jennifer Walters), Hyperion, Iron Man (Arno Stark), Kane (Garrison Kane), Maverick (David North), Mesmero, Ms. Marvel (Carol Danvers), Spider (Peter Parker), Storm (Ororo Munroe), Vision

WOLVERINE SQUAD: Albert, Elsie-Dee, James Howlett, Major Logan, Patch, Weapon X, Wolverine (zombie), numerous other Wolverine variants

BASE OF OPERATIONS: Panoptichron (Crystal Palace), located outside space-time

FIRST APPEARANCE: Exiles #1 (2001)

Earth-4210. The Exiles battled Havok, who was subspatially joined with every other Havok in existence, and the lupine mutants the Dominant Species on Earth-616 alongside that reality's X-Men. During a battle with vampiric Avengers on Earth-3931, Union Jack cast a spell to separate the team as they teleported, sending them to different realities. Sasquatch and Morph fought a feral Wolverine on Earth-9927 while Sunfire and Nocturne returned to Earth-8545, where Sunfire developed a relationship with that reality's Spider-Girl. Mimic, meanwhile, arrived on Earth-2942, where he spent four years battling the Brood. When the Exiles were reunited on Earth-312, Mimic was overcome by an implanted Brood egg while battling a rampaging Thing and killed Sunfire, resulting in Blink rejoining the team.

After Hyperion joined Weapon X and defied the insectoids' orders in order to rule a planet instead of fixing its reality, the insectoids decided to cut their losses and ordered the two teams to battle each other until only six remained. The Exiles' Magik and Weapon X's Firestar, Hulk, Gambit, Ms. Marvel, Spider and Hyperion were



all seemingly slain and teleported into stasis within the Crystal Palace. Joined by Earth-2189's Namora, the Exiles returned to Earth-616, where Beak joined the team while Nocturne remained behind. New missions took the Exiles to Earth-14845 to battle the Impossible Man, Earth-5423 to help that reality's Mimic (aka Big M) redeem himself, and Earth-26292 where eating a Danish stopped a Shi'ar invasion via the "Seahorse Effect." The Timebroker then seemed to develop a vicious side, sending them on vague, irrational and sometimes nonexistent missions. Eventually he sent them to Earth-37072 to stop Kulan Gath. There, Tanaraq, the Great Beast linked to Sasquatch, overpowered his host Heather Hudson; however, she was saved at the cost of her powers after the Exiles consigned Tanaraq to another dimension. When the team returned to Earth-2600 for their next mission, Heather was not among them. They eventually found Sabretooth and discovered he had failed to save David Richards. The Talus then instructed the Exiles to kill Mimic. When they refused, the Timebroker teleported them along with Sabretooth to Earth-295, home to both Blink and Sabretooth, where they found Holocaust had replaced Beak as their newest member. When the team refused to kill that reality's heroic Magneto, they used the reality-bending M'Kraan Crystal to travel to the Crystal Palace where they discovered that a revived Hyperion had usurped control. The Exiles battled Hyperion, losing both Holocaust and Namora to his power before he was defeated with the aid of two other alternate reality Hyperions (Earth-712 and Earth-5764) enlisted by Beak. The battle's aftermath left Mimic injured, but he recovered after mimicking Deadpool's healing factor. The Exiles found their former teammates in stasis at the Palace and buried Sunfire on Earth-8545, where she was most at peace in life.

While attempting to return Beak to his own reality, the Exiles found themselves in the wake of the Scarlet Witch altering Earth-616 into Reality-58163 ("House of M"). The Exiles encountered the body-snatching, reality-altering Proteus who took possession of Mimic's body and, upon doing so, absorbed all of Mimic's memories and discovered other realities to visit in order to find the perfect host. Leaving Beak in his own reality, the Exiles followed Proteus from reality to reality in an effort to stop him and save Mimic. When Proteus burned out Mimic's body, he moved to another body and continued his search for a perfect host. While following Proteus, the Exiles were joined by Longshot of the Mojaverse, Spider-Man of Earth-6375, and Power Princess of Earth-712. When Proteus took possession of Morph's body on Counter-Earth, he had found the perfect host due to Morph's transmutable physiology, which did not burn out like other hosts. The Exiles stopped Proteus by placing a behavior modification device on him, reprogramming his mind to make him believe that he was actually Morph.

No longer controlled by the insectoids (now dubbed Timebreakers), the Exiles returned those in stasis to their home realities and continued to fix broken realities under their own terms; however, when the entire group left the Crystal Palace, the Timebreakers "fired" the Exiles and organized a series of new teams consisting of alternate versions of Wolverine, chosen because he was "the best there is at what he does," to repair Earth-127. Unfortunately, each team dispatched there fell under the mental control of Brother Mutant until the Timebreakers contacted the former Exiles for help. Alongside another Wolverine Squad, the Exiles stopped Brother Mutant, after which the various Wolverines were

EXILES



BLINK-295
(Clarice Ferguson)
Joined in Exiles #1
(2001)



MAGNUS-27
(Magnus Lehtinen)
Joined in Exiles #1
(2001); deceased



MIMIC-12
(Calvin Flankin)
Joined in Exiles #1
(2001); deceased



MORPH-1081
(Kevin Sidney)
Joined in Exiles #1 (2001);
presumed deceased



NOCTURNE-2182
(Talia J. Wagner)
Joined in Exiles #1
(2001)



THUNDERBIRD-1100
(John Proudstar)
Joined in Exiles #1
(2001)



SUNFIRE-2109
(Mariko Yashida)
Joined in Exiles #2
(2001); deceased



HEATHER HUDSON-3470
(Sasquatch)
Joined in Exiles #10
(2002)



MAGIK-4210
(Wanda Maximoff)
Joined in Exiles #22
(2003); deceased



NAMORA-2189
Joined in Exiles #46
(2004); deceased



BEAK-616
(Barnett Bohusk)
Joined in Exiles #48
(2004)



TANARAQ-3470
Active in Exiles #57
(2005)



SABRETOOTH-295
(Victor Creed)
Joined in Exiles #59
(2005)



HOLocaust-295
Joined in Exiles #60
(2005); deceased



LONGSHOT (MOJOVERSE)
Joined in Exiles #74
(2006)



SPIDER-MAN-6375
(Miguel O'Hara)
Joined in Exiles #76
(2006)



POWER PRINCESS-712
(Zarda Sheldoni)
Joined in Exiles #78
(2006)



MORPH/PROTEUS-58163
(Kevin MacTaggart)
Active in Exiles #62
(2006)



PSYLOCKE-616
(Elizabeth Braddock)
Joined in Exiles #91
(2007)



SHADOWCAT (UNREVEALED)
(Catherine "Cat" Pryde)
Joined in Exiles #97 (2007)



MYSTIQUE-797
(Raven Darkholme)
Joined in Exiles #99 (2007)



ROGUE-1009
(Anna Raven)
Joined in Exiles #99
(2007)



SAGE-616
(Tessa)
Joined in X-Men: Die By
The Sword #5 (2007)

returned to their home realities. Power Princess then returned home while a mysterious, god-like figure visited the Crystal Palace to ensure Earth-616's Psylocke would become their newest member. During a mission on Earth-1720, the planet was seemingly destroyed, causing Heather to believe her teammates had perished. She returned to her own reality to live a normal life, leaving the Crystal Palace empty until the Exiles eventually returned. Their next mission took them to Earth-187319, where everything seemed too perfect. Violence, famine and war had been eliminated, but only at the cost of free will with everyone controlled by their ruler Dr. Doom. The Reed Richards of this reality sacrificed the entire planet and all its population to prevent Doom's control from spreading to other realities. This catastrophic event again displaced the Exiles across space and time. Meanwhile, back in the Crystal Palace, Psylocke encountered the young mutant Shadowcat from an as-yet-unidentified Earth shortly before Thunderbird awoke from his coma. Together, the three heroes repelled an assault by Doom-187319's troops before searching for the Exiles. They located Sabretooth on Earth-797 after he had saved Mystiq from assassins and Morph on Earth-1009 after helping Rogue escape from the Royal Avengers. Finally, Spider-Man was located on Earth-22506 living a peaceful life and so the team opted to leave him there. Blink was teleported through time to the Crystal Palace and met with its previous caretakers, who transported her back to the rest of the team.

During a trip to Earth-616 so Psylocke could visit her brother Captain Britain and Thunderbird could be reunited with Nocturne, the Exiles teamed with British group Excalibur to stop James Jaspers and the Fury from destroying the Omniverse. Longshot's memory returned and he joined Excalibur to be with his lover Dazzler while Nocturne rejoined the Exiles to be reunited with Thunderbird. After becoming the unwitting recipient of the sum of the apparently deceased Roma's knowledge, Sage joined the Exiles. With Nocturne recovering from a stroke, Thunderbird having only recently awakened from his coma, and Blink emotionally exhausted from everything, the three decided to take a sabbatical and relocate to Heather's dimension, leaving Sabretooth as leader with Morph, Psylocke and new members Mystiq, Sage and Shadowcat as sole protectors of the Omniverse.

WOLVERINE SQUAD



ALBERT-50211
Active in Exiles #85
(2006); deactivated



ELSIE-DEE-50211
Active in Exiles #85
(2006); deactivated



JAMES HOWLETT-1880
Active in Exiles #85 (2006)



MAJOR LOGAN-811
Active in Exiles #85
(2006); deceased



PATCH-181
Active in Exiles #85
(2006); deceased



WEAPON X-520
Active in Exiles #85
(2006); deceased



WOLVERINE-6195
Active in Exiles #85
(2006); deceased

WEAPON X



SABRETOOTH-295
(Victor Creed)
Active in Exiles #5;
member of Exiles



DEADPOOL-5021
(Wade Wilson)
Active in Exiles #5
(2001); deceased



KANE-3031
(Garrison Kane)
Active in Exiles #5
(2001)



MESMERO-653
Active before Exiles #5
(2001); deceased



WOLVERINE-172
(Logan)
Active before Exiles #5
(2001); deceased



MAVERICK-1287
(David North)
Active before Exiles #5
(2001); deceased



DAREDEVIL-181
(Matthew Murdock)
Active after Exiles #6
(2002)



HULK-1029
(Jennifer Walters)
Active in Exiles #12
(2002)



STORM-23895
(Ororo Munroe)
Active in Exiles #12
(2002); deceased



SPIDER-15
(Peter Parker)
Active in Exiles #12
(2002); deceased



VISION-10101
Active in Exiles #12
(2002); deactivated



IRON MAN-2020
(Tony Stark)
Joined in Exiles #13
(2002)



GAMBIT-731
(Remy LeBeau)
Joined in Exiles #23
(2003); deceased



ANGEL-714
(Warren Worthington III)
Joined in Exiles #23
(2003)



COLOSSUS-1917
(Piotr Rasputin)
Joined in Exiles #24
(2003); deceased



MS. MARVEL-4732
(Carol Danvers)
Joined in Exiles #38
(2004); deceased



HYPERION-4023
(Zhb Ran)
Joined in Exiles #38
(2004)



FIRESTAR-3062
(Angelica Jones)
Joined in Exiles #40
(2004); deceased



HULK-673
(Bruce Banner)
Joined in Exiles #40
(2004); deceased

REAL NAME: Kimura (presumed, full name unrevealed)
ALIASES: "Tree Village" (literal translation of name)
IDENTITY: No dual identity
OCCUPATION: Mercenary; former assassin handler
CITIZENSHIP: Unrevealed
PLACE OF BIRTH: Unrevealed
KNOWN RELATIVES: Unidentified parents, unidentified grandmother (deceased)
GROUP AFFILIATION: Formerly the Facility
EDUCATION: Unrevealed
FIRST APPEARANCE: New X-Men #31 (2006)

HISTORY: Abused as a child by her alcoholic father and bullied at school, Kimura was neglected by her uncaring mother. She finally came into the custody of her loving grandmother, who tried to repair the child's psychological damage. Following her grandmother's fatal heart attack, Kimura grew bitter and angry. As an adult, she worked for the Facility, an offshoot of the Weapon X Program that, years earlier, had experimented upon Wolverine and others. The Facility's scientists mutated her to be

physically indestructible, impervious to physical attacks as she had never been to emotional ones; she found a kindred spirit in Zander Rice, who nurtured a pathological hatred for X-23 (Laura Kinney), a female Wolverine clone created by the Facility over a decade earlier. After taking revenge on those who had wronged her in her youth, Kimura was appointed X-23's handler shortly after X-23's 12th birthday. Her indestructibility prevented the young clone from injuring her, and Kimura's own lust for violence prevented her from dealing X-23 anything but punishment for infractions real or imagined, little realizing or caring she had become as sadistic an abuser as her parents and childhood peers.

Sent into a berserker rage by a trigger scent, X-23 unwittingly murdered her surrogate mother, Dr. Sarah Kinney, and fled to San Francisco, where Kinney's sister Debbie and niece Megan took her in as Sarah Kinney's supposed daughter; unfortunately, Facility agent Desmond Alexander had ensconced himself as Debbie's boyfriend in the eventuality of X-23 seeking this sanctuary, and he alerted Kimura to X-23's whereabouts. X-23 killed Desmond when he tried to use the trigger scent to force her to kill Debbie and Megan, but Kimura arrived and captured X-23 and the Kinneys; however, before Kimura could kill Megan, X-23 chained Kimura in the Kinney basement and fled with Debbie and Megan after triggering a gas explosion that prevented Kimura from following. After this encounter, X-23 left her newborn family and sought out Wolverine, eventually finding sanctuary at the Xavier Institute, home of the X-Men. Months later, Kimura, now apparently a freelance mercenary, accepted an assignment from the Facility's current research head, Adam Harkins, to abduct Mercury (Cessily Kincaid), X-23's teammate in the New X-Men. Kimura quickly captured their quarry and enjoyed watching Harkins torture Mercury as he worked to obtain a living sample of Mercury's shape-shifting skin for use in perfecting the genetically engineered Predator X creatures. Accompanied by telekinetic teammate Hellion, X-23 invaded the Facility's research laboratory. Learning of Kimura's invulnerability, Hellion telekinetically hurled her through the building's roof and miles away from the scene. In her absence, X-23 and Hellion freed Mercury and, joined by the rest of the New X-Men and the X-Men, defeated the three Predator X's. Days later, Kimura penetrated the Xavier estate's defenses with the intent to kill X-23, only to encounter telepathic headmistress Emma Frost. After accessing Kimura's memories to learn of her painful childhood, Frost removed Kimura's memories of her beloved grandmother and left only an emotional void in their stead, stealing the last shred of the humanity which Kimura had otherwise so eagerly rejected. Frost then telepathically implanted within Kimura a compulsion to hunt down Harkins and her other Facility employers and abuse them as she had abused X-23.

HEIGHT: 5'9" **EYES:** Green
WEIGHT: 109 lbs. **HAIR:** Black

ABILITIES/ACCESSORIES: Kimura has virtually indestructible skin and hair, rendering her impervious to bullets, blades, incendiary explosives, temperature extremes, impact from a fall of several miles, and most other forms of physical injury. Her invulnerability may stem from alteration of her body's physical density, since she can render at least her fingers, and possibly other parts of her body, intangible; however, this latter ability appears severely limited, inasmuch as she can be immobilized by handcuffs. An accomplished athlete and hand-to-hand combatant, Kimura is proficient in the use of many weapons.

POWER GRID



HISTORY: Roughly 500 years ago, the intergalactic Shi'ar outlaw Rook'shir was bonded to the cosmic power of the Phalkon (aka the Phoenix Force), allegedly the first male and first Shi'ar to host it. Using his gigantic sword as a focus, Rook'shir destroyed worlds, killing billions before the newly formed Shi'ar Imperial Guard slew him. Discovering that a remnant of the Phalkon's power remained bonded to the sword, and that only Rook'shir's blood relatives could wield the so-called Blade of the Phoenix, the Shi'ar Imperial Ministry sought to exterminate Rook'shir's relatives. Though the Ministry kept Rook'shir's true story quiet, rumors spawned the monstrous legend of the Phoenix that all Shi'ar came to fear.

In recent years, Imperial Vice Chancellor K'tor killed Rook'shir's last known descendants, sparing the half-Shi'ar child Korvus in case K'tor needed someone to wield the Blade of the Phoenix someday. Until then, he turned Korvus over to Shi'ar soldiers to be abused, enslaved and trained as a starship mechanic. As an adult, Korvus was jailed for several years for unrevealed crimes in the empire's highest security prison. When a rogue mission to kill all relatives of former Phoenix host Marvel Girl (Rachel Grey) failed, K'tor made a deal with Korvus to kill Grey in return for K'tor's commuting his sentence. K'tor had an explosive implanted in Korvus' head set to detonate if Korvus attacked any Shi'ar during his mission, then gave Korvus the Blade. In Korvus' hands the Blade came to life, opening his mind to its previous wielders' lives and teaching him how to use it. Using the Blade's link to the Phoenix Force to locate Grey, Korvus confronted Grey and her fellow X-Men, who were tracking their renegade former member Vulcan across Shi'ar space. Korvus easily defeated the other X-Men, but Grey grasped the Blade and its power merged their minds, sharing each other's lives. Grey dismantled Korvus' implant, freeing him from K'tor's authority.

Meanwhile, the X-Men's founder Professor Charles Xavier was kidnapped by a pair of Shi'ar who stole Korvus' ship to deliver him to K'tor. While helping the X-Men prepare their ship for hyperspace pursuit, Korvus and Grey found their mindmerge had left them strongly attracted to each other physically; and they acted on it despite their reservations. Korvus, the X-Men and intergalactic pirates the Starjammers teamed up to

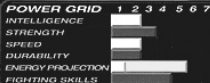
REAL NAME: Korvus Rook'shir
ALIASES: None
IDENTITY: No dual identity
OCCUPATION: Freedom fighter; former prisoner, slave
CITIZENSHIP: Shi'ar
PLACE OF BIRTH: Unrevealed location in Shi'ar Empire
KNOWN RELATIVES: Unidentified mother, unidentified father & brothers (deceased), Rook'shir (ancestor, deceased)
GROUP AFFILIATION: Starjammers
EDUCATION: Shi'ar slave work force
FIRST APPEARANCE: Uncanny X-Men #478 (2006)

rescue deposed Shi'ar Majestrix Lilandra from her executioners, and to recruit the exiled Shi'ar war hero Major-General Ka'ardum to counter the rising political power of Lilandra's brother D'ken. Korvus then helped the two teams rescue Xavier from execution at Vulcan's hands, at the cost of Starjammers leader Corsair's life. When the X-Man Havok assumed leadership of the Starjammers, Korvus joined him alongside Havok's fellow X-Men Polaris and Grey to oppose Vulcan's rule after his murder of D'ken, as well as the schemes of the mysterious alien Scy'ar Tal.

HEIGHT: 6'4"
WEIGHT: 207 lbs.

EYES: Blue-gray
FEATHERS: Black

ABILITIES/ACCESSORIES: Korvus wields the semi-sentient Blade of the Phoenix, a massive sword roughly 5' long by 2' at its widest point and weighing over 50 lbs., though its size and weight vary at its discretion. The Blade can only be wielded by blood relatives of Rook'shir; it does not allow anyone else to lift it easily or to tap its true power, which is a portion of the Phoenix Force. The Blade teaches its wielders how to use it, and can show them its past wielders' lives. It easily cuts through most metals, and has the potential to rearrange matter at the molecular level. The Sword's energy has charged a hyperspace jump engine for hours, and can also emit jets of blue flame to stun opponents as well as repel energy attacks and create telekinetic shields. Its user can also access the Blade's power by concentration alone. The Blade can locate other Phoenix Force hosts, and has created an empathic link between Korvus and former host Rachel Grey. Korvus is an experienced starship mechanic.



*YELLOW BAR INDICATES BLADE OF PHOENIX RATING



LADY MASTERMIND

REAL NAME: Regan Wyngarde
ALIASES: Mastermind
IDENTITY: Secret
OCCUPATION: Terrorist; former adventurer
CITIZENSHIP: Unrevealed
PLACE OF BIRTH: Unrevealed
KNOWN RELATIVES: Jason Wyngarde (Mastermind, father, deceased), Martinique Jason (Mastermind, half-sister)
GROUP AFFILIATION: Marauders; formerly X-Men, former employee of Sebastian Shaw
EDUCATION: Unrevealed
FIRST APPEARANCE: X-Treme X-Men #6 (2001)

HISTORY: Like her sister Martinique Jason, Regan Wyngarde developed powers akin to her father, mutant illusionist Jason Wyngarde, plus minor telepathic abilities. The half-sisters developed an intense hatred for each other as they vied to become the one true heir of their father's former identity Mastermind. Martinique seemingly won their contest, leaving Regan to adopt the identity of Lady Mastermind. Ultimately working for mutant Hellfire Club powerbroker Sebastian Shaw, Regan aided his

efforts to usurp control of the Australian criminal underworld. Confronting the then Viceroy, Miles Warbeck, Regan used her illusion powers to make him believe he was drowning, even though he was in his penthouse suite, and his body responded as the illusion was so convincing. Shaw then implicated the mutant thief Gambit in the crime, bringing Gambit's former X-Men teammates to Australia to investigate. Seeing his former aide Tessa among the X-Men's ranks, Shaw bade Regan influence her into working for him again, so Regan subjected Tessa to a series of convincing illusions; however, with her new teammate Lifeguard's aid, Tessa overcame the illusions and reflected Regan's powers back at her, leaving her comatose.

Rogue geneticist Pandemic later kidnapped Regan and experimented on her in his Fordyce Clinic. Liberated by the X-Men, Regan was taken to the Xavier Institute to recuperate. There, Serafina of the Children of the Vault briefly hijacked her powers before the mummudrai Ev Teel Urizen infiltrated her mind. Awakened from her coma by Urizen, Regan learned from the Beast of what had transpired during her incapacitation and was soon recruited into Rogue's team of X-Men to oppose the Children of the Vault. Subsequently investigating the Fordyce Clinic, Regan was chastised by Rogue for her ruthless actions before Pandemic's Plague Dogs attacked the team. Unable to prevent Rogue's capture, Regan and the X-Men followed her to Pandemic's base in India. After Pandemic was depowered and defeated, Regan spitefully trapped his mind in an illusory maze. While visiting Cable's island Providence with the X-Men, Regan sought a psychotherapist's help in uncovering the intruder within her mind. This incited the mummudrai into briefly possessing her before it moved on to possess Mystique and, finally, Cable. Learning of alien Shi'ar weapon the Hecatomb's imminent arrival, Regan and the X-Men did their best to halt its rampage across Providence until it was destroyed. She then accompanied the X-Men to Rogue's former home in Caldecott County, Mississippi where Regan and Mystique betrayed the X-Men to their longtime foes the Marauders. Joining the villains, Regan helped them defeat the X-Men, then participated in the Marauders' efforts to retrieve the diaries of the blind mutant seer Destiny before the X-Men could recover them. Regan and the Marauders were subsequently dispatched to Cooperstown, Alaska to recover the first mutant born post-"M-Day," whereupon they fought the anti-mutant Purifiers, who killed Regan's teammates Blockbuster and Prism. The X-Men then attacked her team at their Antarctic base, but the Marauders repelled the assault and abandoned the base.

HEIGHT: 5'9" **EYES:** Blue
WEIGHT: 133 lbs. **HAIR:** Blonde

ABILITIES/ACCESSORIES: Lady Mastermind can psionically project illusions into the minds of others, causing them to see, hear, touch, smell and/or taste things which do not actually exist, or to disguise the true appearance of objects or others. Her illusions persist even if she is rendered unconscious. She also has low-level telepathic abilities that enable her to read the thoughts of others, allowing her to cast more convincing illusions by confronting her foes with familiar images thus inducing their minds and bodies to respond to the illusions as if they were real. Thus, Lady Mastermind's illusions can and have proven fatal. She can shift her own visual perception to see through other's illusions, and is virtually immune to hypnosis. She also wields a pair of handguns.



LIFEGUARD & SLIPSTREAM

REAL NAME: Heather Cameron

ALIASES: None

IDENTITY: Publicly known

OCCUPATION: Adventurer; former lifeguard

CITIZENSHIP: Australia

PLACE OF BIRTH: Sydney, Australia

KNOWN RELATIVES: Miles Warbeck (Viceroy, father, deceased),

unidentified mother, Davis Cameron (Slipstream, brother)

GROUP AFFILIATION: Formerly X-Corporation, X-Men

EDUCATION: Unrevealed

FIRST APPEARANCE: X-Treme X-Men #6 (2001); (Lifeguard) X-Treme X-Men #7 (2002)

HISTORY: Australian mutant siblings Heather and Davis Cameron were sent to live in Surfer's Paradise by their father in an effort to spare them from his life as the Viceroy, godfather of Australian organized crime. Unaware of their father's identity or of their own latent mutant natures, Heather became a lifeguard while Davis became a surfer. When Heather's mutant nature manifested, she kept it secret, using it only to help save lives as part of her job. After their father was killed in Sydney by mutant illusionist Lady Mastermind on behalf of mutant powerbroker Sebastian Shaw, the siblings became targets in the ensuing gang war as potential heirs to their father's criminal empire. Investigating the death due to the implication of their ally Gambit, the X-Men sought to protect the Camerons. Storm and Thunderbird (Neal Shaara) befriended the siblings in Surfer's Paradise but were soon attacked by Boxers, assassins sent by the Chinese Triad, and Heather was forced to publicly reveal her mutant nature to help defeat them. After learning of their father's identity and the gang war, Heather and Davis sought to help the X-Men stop the carnage. Heather herself was instrumental in defeating Lady Mastermind, however, Shaw escaped conviction. Joining the X-Men, Heather helped the team against the alien Shaitan but was captured. Seeking to help rescue his sister, Davis agreed to let Sage jumpstart his own latent mutation and he joined the team as Slipstream. Heather, meanwhile, failed to prevent Shaitan from opening a dimensional portal that allowed his master Khan's army to invade Earth. Reunited with the X-Men, Heather helped oppose the invasion, during which time her powers inadvertently activated the dormant alien Shi'ar genome in her DNA, transforming her into an avian-like human/Shi'ar hybrid. After the X-Men repelled the invasion, Heather was reunited with Davis, who rejected her new appearance and left. Heather set about searching for him, accompanied by Thunderbird, but ultimately joined the X-Corporation's Mumbai branch

REAL NAME: Davis "Davey" Cameron

ALIASES: None

IDENTITY: Secret

OCCUPATION: Adventurer; former surfer

CITIZENSHIP: Australia

PLACE OF BIRTH: Sydney, Australia

KNOWN RELATIVES: Miles Warbeck (Viceroy, father, deceased),

unidentified mother, Heather Cameron (Lifeguard, sister)

GROUP AFFILIATION: Formerly X-Men

EDUCATION: Unrevealed

FIRST APPEARANCE: X-Treme X-Men #6 (2001); (Slipstream) X-Treme X-Men #11 (2002)

before it was bombed in a terrorist attack. After Slipstream lost his mutant abilities on "M-Day," the whereabouts of both siblings is unknown.



HEIGHT: (original) 5'10"; (current) 7' (variable)

WEIGHT: (original) 130 lbs.; (current) 205 lbs. (variable)

EYES: Blue **HAIR:** Blonde

ABILITIES/ACCESSORIES: Lifeguard's body adapts to any perceived threats by immediately evolving an appropriate response. Thus far, Lifeguard has formed a protective golden metal sheath over her skin, developed superhuman strength, grown gills and a fish-like tail, and has even shapedshifted into a whale. Once the threat has passed, her body reverts to normal. Her alien Shi'ar genome, which is of royal lineage, has granted her avian-like traits, including wings and razor-sharp talons, as well as a predatory nature with unparalleled tracking skills. Heather is also a qualified lifeguard and an excellent swimmer.



*YELLOW BARS INDICATE LIFEGUARD'S ADAPTIVE MUTATION

HEIGHT: 6'

WEIGHT: 152 lbs.

EYES: Blue

HAIR: Blond

ABILITIES/ACCESSORIES: Slipstream could generate a warp portal in the fabric of space and ride the resultant warp-wave akin to a surfer riding a wave. Slipstream could use this ability to travel to virtually any point on Earth at faster-than-light speed, and can ferry others through the portal with him. While on a warp-wave, Slipstream's vision narrowed to a pinpoint focus directly ahead of him to better allow him to safely traverse it. Davis is also an excellent surfer.



*SLIPSTREAM IS A TELEPORTER

REAL NAME: Ilyana Nikolaevna Rasputina

ALIASES: Darkchild, Darkchild Archimage, Red Flag #133, "Little Snowflake"

IDENTITY: Secret

OCCUPATION: Ruler of limbo; former adventurer, student

CITIZENSHIP: Russian

PLACE OF BIRTH: Ust-Ordynski Collective, near Lake Baikal, Siberia, Russia

KNOWN RELATIVES: Alexandra Rasputina (mother, deceased), Nikolai Rasputin (father, deceased), Mikhail Nikolaevitch Rasputin (brother), Piotr Nikolaevitch Rasputin (Colossus, brother), Peter Jr (nephew), Larissa Mishchenko (cousin), Konstantin, Klara & Dimitriy (cousins, deceased), Vladimir (uncle), unidentified aunt & uncle (deceased), unidentified grandmother (presumably deceased), Grigory (grandfather, deceased), Grigory Efimovich (great-grandfather, deceased), Elena (great-grandmother, deceased), Ivan (great-grand uncle, deceased), Pavel & Lamar Plotnik (distant relations)

GROUP AFFILIATION: Formerly New Mutants, X-Men (New Mutant Graduate Team), Bratpack, Hellions

EDUCATION: High-school-level courses at Xavier's School, tutored in magic by Belasco and Storm

FIRST APPEARANCE: (Ilyana) Giant-Size X-Men #1 (1975); (Magik) New Mutants #14 (1984)

HISTORY: Russian farm girl Ilyana Rasputina was the beloved "little snowflake" of her parents and brothers Mikhail and Piotr ("Peter"). Learning that Mikhail was a mutant, the Russian government faked his death. A few years later, Peter discovered his own mutant powers and joined Professor Charles Xavier's X-Men as Colossus. When a Dr. Doom robot imprisoned the criminal Arcade, his assistant Miss Locke kidnapped 6-year-old Ilyana and other innocent hostages, forcing the X-Men to rescue Arcade. Freed by the X-Men, Ilyana stayed at Xavier's School, where Peter's

teammates, especially his girlfriend Kitty Pryde, doted on her. The X-Men later relocated to a Bermuda Triangle island, unaware it was observed by sorcerer-turned-demon Belasco. Trapped in an interdimensional limbo (aka Otherplace, not the true Immortus-ruled Limbo), Belasco saw Ilyana's innocence as his route to freedom, telepathically luring her through a teleportation "stepping disc." The X-Men followed, rescuing her but becoming trapped themselves. Wolverine (James Howlett) and Colossus died, and Kitty was transformed into the feral warrior Cat, while Nightcrawler (Kurt Wagner) and Storm (Ororo Munroe) studied magic and were corrupted; Storm later won back her soul, creating an idyllic garden as a symbol of redemption. Due to limbo's twisted chronology, a newly kidnapped Ilyana eventually appeared, soon pursued by the X-Men once more. Determined to prevent a tragic repeat of past events, the older Storm helped the new arrivals escape, but Belasco snatched Ilyana. Requiring 5 bloodstones (already possessing 1) to free his N'Garai masters and win his own release, Belasco swiftly tainted Ilyana's soul with evil to create a 2nd bloodstone; however, Storm and Cat took Ilyana back to Storm's garden. Reasoning that the corruption now rooted within Ilyana could never be removed, Storm planned to teach the child magic to combat it, but Cat angrily disagreed and took Ilyana that night, intending to return her to Earth via a portal in Belasco's citadel. Cat and Ilyana traversed limbo on foot for nearly 3 years, during which time Cat taught her to fight and they became close friends. Belasco caught them after they entered his citadel, turning Cat into a nearly mindless pet and having Ilyana conjure a 3rd bloodstone as her first act as his apprentice. After 2 years of tutelage, being punished by Belasco's chief enforcer Sym whenever she disappointed her master, Ilyana's mutant powers emerged. Her natural affinity for time travel and teleportation focused itself in limbo's stepping discs, and she slipped back in time, witnessing a younger Storm battle Belasco, who feigned defeat so that Storm would complete her corruption by failing to show mercy. Returning to the present, Ilyana witnessed Storm fighting Belasco to free her, and when Cat fatally wounded Storm, Ilyana was forced to slay Cat. Belasco demanded Ilyana damn Storm for eternity by making a bloodstone from her soul, but Ilyana killed Storm to prevent this. Enraged, Belasco used more of Ilyana's soul to make the 4th bloodstone, then trapped her in an icy waste. Hoping to reclaim her soul, Ilyana tried to follow Storm's example and create life, but she continually failed until she realized that, unlike Storm, she wanted revenge. Drawing from her own soul, she created a sword as the ultimate expression of her magical powers, shattering the enchantments trapping her. Teleporting to Belasco's citadel, she fought him, growing increasingly demonic as she won the upper hand; however, mindful of Storm's mistake, she stopped short of killing him, thus regaining her humanity. Belasco belittled her "weakness" as Ilyana teleported back to Earth, where she found her 7-year exile had been mere seconds for the X-Men.

At first, the now-teenage Ilyana kept quiet about her time in limbo, not wanting to shock her friends further with the revelation she was a demonically tainted mutant sorceress. She also secretly feared Belasco would retrieve her and the bloodstone medallion she had taken, unaware he had departed limbo after his defeat by Ka-Zar. Now almost the same age, she became best friends and roommates with Kitty Pryde. The bond between them grew so strong that their souls became literally and inexplicably intertwined. On Ilyana's birthday, Sym invaded Xavier's School and fought its young students, the New Mutants. Ilyana subdued him and he swore fealty to her, making her effectively ruler of limbo in Belasco's absence. Soon after, the Hellfire Club's White Queen Emma Frost kidnapped Kitty, and with the X-Men unavailable, Ilyana revealed her powers to the New Mutants, joining them as Magik, and together they rescued Kitty. Some of Magik's teammates, notably Sunspot (Roberto DaCosta) and the religious Wolfsbane (Rahne Sinclair), were disturbed by Ilyana's sorcerous background, but it was Magik who was most worried that her soul might be forfeit, especially when magical armor began spontaneously manifesting after a battle against the Demon Bear, spreading further across her body each time Ilyana drew her sword. To her joy, however, Peter unconditionally accepted her new magical



YOUNG ILYANA





nature when she helped the X-Men battle Dire Wraith mages. Soon after, Ilyana's magic proved vital in defeating the mutant Wraith/human Hybrid. After Hyborian mage Kulan Gath possessed a human host and transformed New York into a Hyborian realm, Sorcerer Supreme Dr. Strange tapped Ilyana's time-affecting ability, drawing the super-Sentinel Nimrod from an alternate future (Earth-811) to slay Gath's host just prior to the possession, diverging Gath's Hyborian city into the alternate Earth-8591 timeline.

Subsequently, Ilyana was telepathically enticed through time by Mikhail, teleporting with the New Mutants several years into the future where they encountered their future selves. Noticing her own absence, Ilyana discovered that she would eventually be returned to childhood before dying from the Legacy Virus. Mikhail told Ilyana that he hoped to save her by removing the disease before it spread, but she discovered too late that he had infected her in the hope that the demonic side her de-aged future self had lacked might develop immunity. Their memories of the future erased, the New Mutants returned to the past. The immensely powerful Beyonder later detected the demonic taint within Ilyana and drew it to the surface, transforming Magik into the cloven-hooved, horned Darkchild. Though she soon reverted to human, thereafter extreme emotions or extensive use of her magic would trigger the change again. Despite this concern, Magik played a key role in saving her teammates from the mind-controlling Shadow King. During a brief side-trip to ancient Egypt with Mirage (Dani Moonstar), Magik helped the sorceress Ashake defeat the mage Heka-Nut. After visiting Asgard to battle the Enchantress and Loki, the New Mutants encountered the Beyonder again. He offered to cleanse Magik of her dark side, but when she and the New Mutants rejected him, he killed them, erasing them from existence, though he soon restored them. When Mr. Sinister's Marauders massacred the underground Morlock community, Magik teleported the X-Men into their tunnels but was ordered to evacuate survivors rather than help fight. Against orders, the New Mutants returned to help, but were attacked by Magus, father of their techno-organic teammate Warlock. Magik teleported the team to limbo to escape, but Magus followed, infecting Sym with a transmode virus, which turned him techno-organic too, and spurring him to lead a demon rebellion. Magik regained some control by sheathing her soulsword in limbo's soil, but each time circumstances forced her to draw it again, Sym gained ground. Maire O'Connell, Belasco's first apprentice, sought Magik's help to regain her mortality, only to be slain by Sym.

After teleporting Colossus to Dallas to aid the X-Men against the Adversary, Magik helped the New Mutants defeat the insane Ani-Mator, but not before he slew Cypher (Doug Ramsey). Mourning, the New Mutants returned home to watch in horror as the X-Men died live on television, willingly sacrificing themselves to power a binding spell cast by their ally Forge to contain the Adversary. Unaware the X-Men had been immediately resurrected, an enraged Magik attacked Forge, but Wolfsbane convinced her to spare his life. Soon after, while fleeing the extraterrestrial villain Spyder, Magik teleported the New Mutants into limbo but was attacked by Sym's forces. Sym's demonic rival Nastirh convinced Magik to force open a portal to Earth, permitting a demonic invasion of New York. Battling Nastirh and Sym, Magik concluded that she would have to resume ruling limbo permanently in her Darkchild aspect if she wished to contain the demons; however, Wolfsbane, believing Magik could be saved, used limbo's stepping discs to retrieve a younger, untainted incarnation of Ilyana and brought her to Earth. Confronted by her



innocent self and her brother Colossus, Magik seemingly chose to negate her time in limbo, ending the invasion. In the aftermath, only the child Ilyana was found sealed within the Darkchild's armor. Magik's soulsword and armor mystically transferred themselves to Kitty Pryde, later passing through several hands until claimed by a new Magik, Amanda Sefton. The young Ilyana returned home to Russia, but government forces later slew her parents and kidnapped her, hoping to reactivate her powers to use against the mutant Soul Skinner. Rescued by Colossus, Ilyana returned to America, but she was found to be infected with the Legacy Virus and died soon after. The grieving Colossus later believed he was visited by teenaged Ilyana's ghost on Christmas Eve.



During the recent "House of M" reality warp, Ilyana was briefly resurrected. Belasco, who had resumed ruling limbo, sensed her return, but could not locate her after reality was restored. Obsessing, he tried recreating her, but could only restore her body, not her soul, perhaps because it resides in the House of M Ilyana or the teenaged Magik, either of which may survive somewhere; his recreated Darkchild escaped into limbo. Belasco then kidnapped the X-Men's latest students, who had been with Ilyana during the warp. Sensing this, the Darkchild drew some of them to the wilds of limbo, where she convinced them to help her oppose Belasco.

She created a bloodstone out of Pixie's soul, thus allowing Pixie to create a soul dagger, which was instrumental in defeating Belasco and allowing the Darkchild to assume control of limbo. Confronted by Colossus, the Darkchild returned the heroes to Earth before vowing to reclaim her soul.



HEIGHT: 5'5"
WEIGHT: 130 lbs.
EYES: Blue
HAIR: Blonde

ABILITIES/ACCESSORIES: Magik can teleport herself and others via stepping discs, circles of light which otherwise randomly appear in limbo. The discs traverse limbo, allowing Magik to teleport across interstellar distances or through time, and she can come in on specific people without knowing their exact location. She possessed powerful psionic shields able to thwart Earth's most powerful telepaths. Magik was the sorceress supreme of limbo, capable of casting binding spells, energy blasts, scrying, projecting an astral form, and other talents; however, on Earth, her magic was weaker. She could summon her soulsword, which could disrupt most spells or slay magical beings, but which passed through normal people without harming them. When using it, her body became covered in a mysterious mystic armor. She is a skilled swordswoman.

POWER GRID

INTELLIGENCE
STRENGTH
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FIGHTING SKILLS

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"MAGIK IS A TELEPORTER"

MARAUDERS

KNOWN MEMBERS: Arclight (Philippa Sontag), Blockbuster (Michael Bae), Gambit (Remy LeBeau), Harpoon (Kodiak Noatak), Lady Mastermind (Regan Wynarde), Malice, Mystique (Raven Darkholme), Prism, Riptide (Janos Quesada), Scalphunter (John Greycrow), Scrambler (Kim Il Sung), Sunfire (Shiro Yoshida), Vertigo

FORMER MEMBERS: Sabretooth (Victor Creed)

ACOLYTES SUBGROUP: Exodus (Bennett du Paris), Frenzy (Joanna Cargill), Random (Marshall Evan Stone III), Suvik Senyaka, Tempo (Heather Tucker), Carmella Unuscione

BASE OF OPERATIONS: Mobile

FIRST APPEARANCE: (Behind-the-scenes) Uncanny X-Men #193 (1986); (shadowed) Uncanny X-Men #210 (1986); (full) X-Factor #10 (1986)

HISTORY: Seeking assistants to aid in his research, geneticist Mr. Sinister gained his first recruit in John Greycrow, an ex-soldier who was executed for the scalping of fellow soldiers but returned by means of his mutant regenerative ability. As Scalphunter, Greycrow became the first of the Marauders, a team of superhuman assassins assembled for Sinister by the mutant thief Gambit. Scalphunter was soon joined by Arclight, a mutant former American soldier who can generate shockwaves of seismic energy from her hands; Blockbuster, a massive American mutant with super-strength and durability; Harpoon, an Inuit mutant who can transform matter — most commonly the harpoons he was adept with wielding — into different forms of energy to disrupt or destroy; Riptide, a mutant who can create razor-sharp projectiles of calcified bone secretions that he could hurl at superhuman velocities by spinning his body; Vertigo, formerly of the Savage Land Mutates, who can psychically affect the equilibrium of others; Scrambler, a Korean mutant whose touch disrupts other superhuman powers; Prism, an American mutant whose crystalline body can absorb, amplify and refract light; Malice, a psychic entity who can possess others and control their bodies; and Sabretooth, a savage and ruthless feral mutant.

For their first mission, the Marauders were sent to kill Madelyne Pryor, a clone of the X-Man Jean Grey whom Sinister had created, and they left

unaware Pryor had survived the attempt. They were then dispatched to eliminate the underground mutant community known as the Morlocks, whom Sinister had learned were corruptions of his own research by a rival geneticist. Gambit led the Marauders to the Morlocks' tunnels, unaware of their true mission. When the massacre began, Gambit tried to stop it but was forced to flee, taking the young Morlock child Sarah — the future X-Man Marrow — with him. During the slaughter, the Marauders faced opposition from mutant heroes the X-Men and X-Factor as well as super-powered youths Power Pack. In one encounter, Blockbuster and Harpoon crippled X-Factor's Angel before the thunder god Thor rescued him. Subsequently, Riptide injured the X-Men Nightcrawler and Colossus, while Harpoon wounded young X-Man Shadowcat. The Marauders suffered losses of their own, however, when Colossus snapped Riptide's neck, the telekinetic Marvel Girl (Jean Grey) shattered Prism, and Thor slew Blockbuster. After clashing with his longtime nemesis Wolverine, Sabretooth attacked Psylocke at the X-Men's base in Xavier's School but was forced to retreat. Meanwhile, Malice had been sent to possess the mutant songstress Dazzler (Alison Blaire), and soon after used her to attack the X-Men. Malice went on to possess several other X-Men before moving on to her next mission — possessing the former X-Man Polaris (Lorna Dane). Malice's fellow Marauders attacked Polaris, unaware that Malice had already possessed her, and she easily bested them before revealing her possession.

Returning to Sinister, the Marauders were chastised for their earlier failure to kill Pryor. Sent to finish the job, they were again opposed by the X-Men, who were shocked to see Polaris among their foes. Subsequently, Malice was dismayed to learn that she had become permanently bonded with Polaris due to the close compatibility of their respective energy matrices. Sinister then created clones of the fallen Marauders and sent the full team back to the Morlock tunnels to ensure there had been no survivors of the earlier massacre. Attacked by the X-Men, the Marauders retreated to find Manhattan in the midst of a demonic invasion which claimed the cloned Blockbuster. During the clash with the X-Men, both teams were aided by armored soldiers of the anti-mutant organization the Right, who killed the cloned Prism. The remaining Marauders were defeated or



TOP TO BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: SUNFIRE, VERTIGO, RIPTIDE, HARPOON, SCALPHUNTER, MALICE, RANDOM, ARCLIGHT, OMEGA SENTINEL (POSSESSED), EXODUS, GAMBIT, LADY MASTERMIND & PRISM

fled. A demonically transformed Blockbuster soon attacked the X-Men, but was slain by Havok, Sabretooth and Malice — still in possession of Polaris — then attacked the X-Men's base at Xavier's School. Quickly joined by Sinister, the Marauders were defeated and witnessed Sinister's apparent death.

Left directionless, the Marauders went their separate ways for a time. Malice was ultimately separated from Polaris by the machinations of Savage Land priestess Zaladane, while Vertigo and Arclight briefly joined the Femizon army assembled by Superior. Malice later possessed Beatrice Connors, head of the shadowy government agency the Department, in an effort to eliminate Polaris. When she possessed Polaris' lover Havok and attacked Polaris, Malice found herself confronted by a returned Sinister, who bade her possess Polaris again. During the subsequent transfer, Malice was trapped between Havok and Polaris, which allowed Sinister to capture and seemingly destroy Malice. Meanwhile, the X-Men encountered partially formed clones of Riptide and Sabretooth while investigating Sinister's base. Sinister's assistant Thendoy destroyed part of his genetic library, costing him Sabretooth's genetic material. After creating new clones of Prism and Blockbuster, Sinister sent the Marauders to recover Thendoy; however, they met resistance from dimensionally displaced hero Nate Grey and all but Riptide were slain. Grey gave Riptide a psychic implant to disguise the truth of the encounter and left with Thendoy. After cloning more Marauders, Sinister sent them after Thendoy again, but Grey defeated them once more. After Sinister captured him, Scalp Hunter and Arclight were tasked with guarding Thendoy, but a mutual attraction between the two Marauders allowed Thendoy to escape. Sinister then turned his attention to the mutant soldier Cable, and dispatched the Marauders — disguised as Emissaries of the eternal mutant Apocalypse — to attack him, but they were defeated.

Later, Gambit approached Scalp Hunter regarding Sinister's whereabouts, leading to a brief clash between them. After Gambit broke into Sinister's base with Sabretooth's reluctant aid, they were confronted by clones of Scalp Hunter, Riptide and Harpoon whom Gambit slew. Later, Sinister and Sabretooth were attacked and seemingly killed by Domino of the advanced mutant race the Neo-Survivors. Sinister subsequently cloned a full-strength Marauders team — including Malice — and also recruited former X-Men Gambit and Sunfire after their brief stints as Horsemen of Apocalypse. The Marauders' ranks soon swelled further with the addition of Exodus and his group of Acolytes, as well as the mutant shapeshifting terrorist Mystique and telepathic Lady Mastermind. Targeting the X-Men again, Sinister dispatched Mystique and Lady Mastermind to infiltrate their ranks. Seeking to prevent the team from foreseeing future events, Sinister sent the Marauders to slay various psychics and precognitives including Quiet Bill, the Witness, Vargas, the Dark Mother and her Dark Sisterhood, the X-Men's former ally Gateway, and Cable. Sinister also had Malice possess the X-Men's newest member Omega Sentinel (Karima Shapandar) as Mystique and Lady Mastermind turned on the X-Men and facilitated a savage attack by the Marauders on the heroes, which left Iceman and Rogue both wounded. Exodus and his Acolytes then attacked the Xavier Institute, seeking to slay the precognitive student Blindfold and retrieve the diaries of the blind precognitive mutant Destiny that were in X-Man Kitty Pryde's possession; however, they found Blindfold seemingly dead and the diaries fakes, sending the Marauders on a race against X-Men Iceman and Cannonball to retrieve the true diaries. Gambit seemingly accidentally destroyed the diaries during the ensuing confrontation with the two X-Men, much to Sinister's dismay. Subsequently dispatched to Cooperstown, Alaska, to recover the first mutant born post "M-Day," the Marauders engaged in a pitched battle with the anti-mutant Purifiers, which resulted in Blockbuster and Prism both being slain. The Marauders were then attacked by the X-Men at their Antarctic base, but they repelled the assault and abandoned the base.



MR. SINISTER
(Nathaniel Essex)
Revealed as founder in
Uncanny X-Men #221 (1987)



SCALP HUNTER
Active in Uncanny
X-Men #210 (1986)



ARCLIGHT
Active in Uncanny
X-Men #210 (1986)



HARPOON
Active in Uncanny
X-Men #210 (1986)



RIPTIDE
Active in Uncanny
X-Men #211 (1986)



BLOCKBUSTER
Active in X-Factor #10
(1986)



PRISM
Active in X-Factor #10
(1986)



SCRAMBLER
Active in Uncanny
X-Men #210 (1986)



VERTIGO
Active in Uncanny
X-Men #210 (1986)



MALICE
Active in Uncanny
X-Men #211 (1986)



SABRETOOTH
Active in X-Men Annual
#1 (1986)



GAMBIT
Active in X-Men #187
(2006)



SUNFIRE
Active in X-Men #187
(2006)



EXODUS
Active in X-Men Annual
#1 (2007)



RANDOM
Active in X-Men Annual
#1 (2007)



TEMPO
Active in X-Men Annual
#1 (2007)



FRENZY
Active in X-Men Annual
#1 (2007)



MYSTIQUE
Active in X-Men #200
(2007)



LADY MASTERMIND
Active in X-Men #200
(2007)



SENYAKA
Active in Cable &
Deadpool #42 (2007)



UNUSPLAINE
Active in X-Men #202
(2007)

IRENE MERRYWEATHER

REAL NAME: Irene Merryweather
ALIASES: Chronicer, Margaret Brundage
IDENTITY: None
OCCUPATION: Investigative reporter; former Providence chief of staff, biographer
CITIZENSHIP: USA
PLACE OF BIRTH: New York City, New York
KNOWN RELATIVES: Unidentified parents
GROUP AFFILIATION: Formerly Providence staff, Daily Bugle staff, Inquiring Eye staff
EDUCATION: Unrevealed
FIRST APPEARANCE: Cable #48 (1997)

HISTORY: An aspiring investigative reporter working for the Inquiring Eye tabloid, Irene Merryweather dreamed of working for the more reputable Daily Bugle. After her editor assigned her to research industrialist Sebastian Shaw for a story, she was targeted by Shaw's Hellfire Club mercenaries and saved by mutant soldier Cable. Wanting his life's story recorded, Cable invited Irene to become his personal biographer. Intrigued, Irene accepted and accompanied him to Europe on his quest to prevent the Hellfire Club from obtaining the power of Cable's nemesis, the eternal mutant Apocalypse. Returning to New York, Irene met Cable's mentor Blaguesmith and, over time, learned much about Cable himself. After SHIELD abducted Cable, his former ally G.W. Bridge helped Irene expose SHIELD's actions in a Daily Bugle article. Publisher J. Jonah

Jameson offered Irene a staff job; however, after a tell-all interview with Cable, Irene declined in lieu of remaining Cable's chronicler. Soon after, evil geneticist Mr. Sinister and his Marauders ambushed Irene and Blaguesmith, but Cable saved them and Irene defeated depowered Marauder Arclight with a single punch in the ensuing clash. Following Cable's confrontation with the Harbinger of Apocalypse, Irene resumed her investigation of Shaw despite Hellfire Club opposition. Learning of Shaw's familial history from various sources, she was abducted by Shaw's aide Tessa, from whom she learned Shaw's origin before meeting Shaw himself. He invited her to join the Club, but she refused and took the story to Jameson to publish.

When the alien Undying Aentaros possessed Irene, Cable telekinetically stopped her heart to force Aentaros to release her, then had ambulance workers resuscitate her. After recuperating, Irene met the enigmatic Alecio, who told her of the importance of her role as "the Chronicler" and raised questions about Cable's past. She then met Cable's alternate reality sister Rachel before Cable was targeted by the Dark Sisterhood, a clandestine organization led by the Dark Mother, Finality, who sought to establish a global matriarchy. Following an attempt on Irene's life by the Sisterhood, Cable's allies the Clean-Up Crew saved her and gave her a new holographic identity as Margaret Brundage, a black female insurance investigator. After another encounter with Alecio wherein Irene learned of Cable's role as nexus of time and space and had her mind safeguarded from telepaths, Irene was reunited with Cable and helped him defeat Finality.

Resuming her original identity and losing contact with Cable, Irene took a Bugle staff job. She became obsessed with finding Cable, which affected her work until she eventually received word from him that he was traveling the globe in search of a new life's purpose. When he returned to the US, Irene helped him obtain the experimental Façade Virus; however, after learning of his plans for it, she confronted him at gunpoint and was fired from the Bugle as a result. Subsequently interviewing him regarding his efforts to guide the world to a better future, Irene sought to help him by working at his artificial island Providence, ultimately becoming his chief of staff. Irene helped Cable negotiate trade and immigration agreements with nearby nations, including China, Japan and Australia, and worked closely with Cable's new ally Black Box (Garbed Bashur). Irene and Bashur monitored Cable's efforts to liberate the people of Rumeikistan from Flag-Smasher's rule and his subsequent brief turn as president, then witnessed America's attempt to embarrass Cable and his resultant shaming of them with the help of his ally Domino, whom Irene instantly disliked. After Cable rejoined the X-Men, a battle against the alien Hecatomb damaged Providence beyond repair. Trapped in the Infonet Chamber with Bashur, Irene witnessed his murder by the feral mutant Sabretooth who then took her hostage. Rescued by Deadpool and Domino, a traumatized Irene bade Cable farewell and left with the other evacuees. After Cable's apparent death, she contemplated accepting a book deal to publish his story.

HEIGHT: 5'6" **EYES:** Brown; formerly blue
WEIGHT: 119 lbs. **HAIR:** Brown

ABILITIES/ACCESSORIES: Irene is a skilled investigative journalist and a talented administrator whose thought patterns have been safeguarded against telepathic intrusion.

POWER GRID

INTELLIGENCE
 STRENGTH
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 DURABILITY
 ENERGY PROJECTION
 FIGHTING SKILLS



MARGARET BRUNDAGE

Art by Patrick Zircher with Michael Ryan (inset)

HISTORY: With the mutant population and students at Xavier Institute for Higher Learning flourishing, co-headmasters Cyclops and Emma Frost divided the students into squads including the New Mutants, the Hellions, the Corsairs, the Pargons and Alpha Squadron, among others. Each squad was appointed an advisor to help train them in the use of their powers and to help them deal with typical teenage concerns; however, "M-Day" changed the students' lives forever when the Scarlet Witch erased the mutant genome from most of the Earth's mutant population. Not only did many of the students lose their powers, but the Office of National Emergency (O.N.E.) placed a Sentinel Squad outside Xavier's to monitor the remaining mutants. In response, Headmistress Frost opted to create a core group of students by pitting those with powers against each other in a battle royale. Those defeated returned to their regular studies, while those left standing became official X-Men in training. The resultant team included the telekinetic Hellion, rocky giant Rockslide, metallic shapeshifter Mercury, sandstorm-generating Dust, healer Elixir, Wolverine clone X-23, and electricity-generating Surge, who was nominated as team leader. Not wanting a female pseudo-Wolverine around the students, Frost sought to convince X-23 to leave, but ultimately failed.

Meanwhile, longtime anti-mutant activist Rev. William Stryker used "M-Day" to gather followers and launch an attack against the students. In response, the X-Men chose to ferry most of the depowered students to safety on a bus during the night. Stryker convinced student Icarus (Jay Guthrie) to give him details on the X-Men's plans, claiming that he would save his friends from danger; however, as the bus began to depart, it was struck by a missile launched by Stryker's Purifiers, killing all 42 students onboard. Stryker's Purifiers then assassinated student Wallflower (Laurie Collins) and, after revealing his plans to Icarus, killed him too. Harnessing the future Sentinel Nimrod's technology, Stryker launched his final assault upon the Institute. The attack was swift and relentless, leaving X-Man Cannonball and student Onyx (Sidney Green) seriously wounded and student Quill (Max Jordan) dead, ending only when Elixir reversed his powers on Stryker, killing him. Discovering Icarus' body at Stryker's church, the local police called the Avengers, who in turn, through Ms. Marvel (Carol Danvers), informed the X-Men while trying to convince them and the 25 remaining students to support the new federal Superhuman Registration Act. Once Headmistress Frost telepathically showed Ms. Marvel the losses the Institute had recently suffered, Danvers left feeling full of regret for seeking their help when the Avengers had failed to help the Institute in its time of need.

The eternal mutant Apocalypse then returned with four new Horsemen offering salvation to mutantkind, but was defeated through the combined efforts of the X-Men and students. Nimrod subsequently escaped Stryker's church and sought out the present-day counterpart of its creator Forge to repair it. Forge sent a distress signal to the X-Men, which was intercepted by Surge, and the New X-Men opted to save Forge after the X-Men declined to acknowledge Nimrod's return. Meanwhile, Forge tricked Nimrod into letting him download its artificial intelligence into a new body, whereupon Forge programmed new protocols in it to protect mutants. Unaware of these new protocols, the New X-Men attacked, causing conflicting protocols within Nimrod that forced it to reboot, restoring its original programming and allowing Nimrod to counterattack. The New X-Men defeated Nimrod by focusing their powers on the time device within it, causing an overload that sent Nimrod into the past where it would be found by Stryker. X-23 was left near death, but Hellion saved her after Headmistress Frost unlocked his powers' full potential, allowing him to deliver X-23 to Elixir for healing.

Before Stryker's death, he had contacted the Facility, the agency that created X-23, to genetically engineer an ultimate anti-mutant weapon dubbed Predator X; however, due to his failure to destroy the New X-Men, Stryker had not delivered the final material needed to complete the Facility's process — Mercury's liquid skin. X-23's former handler Kimura

MEMBERS: Anole (Victor Borkowski), Dust (Sooraya Qadir), Elixir (Josh Foley), Gentle (Nezhno Abideri), Hellion (Julian Keller), Mercury (Cessily Kincaid), Pixie (Megan Gwynn), Prodigy (David Alleyne), Rockslide (Santo Vaccaro), Surge (Noriko Ashida), X-23 (Laura Kinney)
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Xavier Institute for Higher Learning, Westchester, New York
FIRST APPEARANCE: New X-Men #20 (2005)

led an assault team that successfully captured Mercury despite X-23's opposition. Facility scientist Adam Harkins conducted experiments on both Mercury and mutant terrorist Mammomax, killing Mammomax and bonding a portion of Mercury's skin to the Predator X creatures. Hellion and X-23 tried to rescue Mercury but were overpowered by the Facility's assault teams, Kimura and the Predator X creatures. Just as capture seemed inevitable, the rest of the New X-Men and the X-Men arrived to turn the tide of battle, and together they halted the Facility's plans and destroyed all but one of the Predator X creatures.

Later, while the New X-Men and other students were telling each other stories, precognitive student Blindfold (Ruth Aldine) recounted the story of the late Xavier student Magik (Illyana Rasputin) and the demon Belasco. Unbeknownst to the New X-Men, Magik had been restored to life by the Scarlet Witch's "House of M" reality warp. Belasco sensed Magik's presence and, desiring to retrieve his apprentice, recreated Magik's body and mind, but could not restore her soul. After overthrowing limbo's current ruler Amanda Sefton, Belasco detected residual traces of Magik at Xavier's and so pulled the entire Institute into limbo, leaving



TOP ROW: DUST, GENTLE & PIXIE;
 2ND ROW: ROCKSLIDE & MERCURY;
 3RD ROW: HELLION, PRODIGY & SURGE;
 BOTTOM ROW: ELIXIR, ANOLE & X-23

only Surge and Hellion behind. Learning of Belasco's plan, Magik caused a small group of students to fall into the wilds of limbo. Belasco imprisoned the X-Men, then relentlessly interrogated those students he had captured in order to ascertain Magik's location, while Magik convinced the other students to help her defeat Belasco by allowing her to create a Bloodstone from Pixie's soul, which, in turn, allowed Pixie to craft a mystic soul dagger. Magik and her student allies soon confronted Belasco, allowing the other students to liberate the imprisoned X-Men. Pixie and her soul dagger soon defeated Belasco, allowing Magik to gain control of limbo. Confronted by her brother, the X-Men's Colossus, Magik returned the Institute, the X-Men and the students to Earth before plotting to obtain more of Pixie's soul.

After the Hulk (Bruce Banner) returned from being exiled in space by members of a secret superhuman cabal whose members had previously included Institute founder Charles Xavier, he sought to learn whether Xavier would have concurred with his exile. The New X-Men held off the Hulk until the X-Men and X-Factor intervened, but their combined efforts were unable to stop the Hulk. When the fight carried into the Institute's graveyard, Mercury angrily berated the Hulk, accusing him of doing to them exactly what his enemies had done to him—destroy what happiness they had found. Realizing that Xavier blamed himself for the mutants' losses and deciding he was already suffering enough, the Hulk left. Subsequently, as a result of their heroic efforts in limbo, the reptilian Anole, hallucinogenic dust-generating Pixie, and muscle-enhancing Gentle all joined the New X-Men. During a subsequent funeral for another young mutant, the X-Men and the students again reflected on the dire situation of the diminishing mutant population. Later, depowered mutant Prodigy (David Alleyne), whose power allowed him to absorb knowledge from others, had all of the skills he had learned while powered restored by mutant telepathic students the Steplord Cuckoos (aka Three-In-One) and he was subsequently appointed the New X-Men's new team leader.

Soon after, a new mutant birth was detected; believing this child might be the salvation of mutantkind, the X-Men began searching for it. Unbeknownst to the New X-Men, this birth spared them from the threat of Predator X, which had been hunting Dust but now turned its attention to hunting the new mutant child. Geneticist Mr. Sinister also wanted the child, and sought the diaries of the blind mutant seer Destiny (Irene Adler) to help him locate it. To that end, he dispatched Exodus and the Acolytes to the Institute to recover them, and to slay the precognitive Blindfold. Foreseeing their arrival, Blindfold faked her death by utilizing both aspects of Eliot's power while Exodus discovered the diaries to be fakes. Blindfold was subsequently revived from her coma-like state, and the New X-Men

were ordered by Headmaster Cyclops to remain at the Institute for their own safety; however, the rebellious teenagers couldn't stand to be placed on the sidelines and, alongside the newest X-Man Armor, struck out against the Purifiers. Encountering Lady Deathstrike and her Reavers, the students were forced to flee.



ARMOR
(Hisako Ichiki)
Astonishing X-Men #4
(2004)



BLINDFOLD
(Ruth Aldine)
Astonishing X-Men #7
(2005)



BLING
(Roxanne Washington)
X-Men #171 (2005)



ERNST
New X-Men #135
(2002)



INDRA
(Paras Gavaskar)
New X-Men: Academy
X #7 (2005)



LOA
(Alani Ryan)
New X-Men: Academy
X #5 (2004)



MATCH
(Ben Hammil)
New Mutants #7 (2004)



NO GIRL
(Martha Johansson)
New X-Men #118
(2001)



ONYXX
(Sidney Green)
X-Men #171 (2005)



**STEPLORD CUCKOOS/
THREE-IN-ONE**
(Celeste, Mindoe &
Phoebe)
New X-Men #118 (2001)



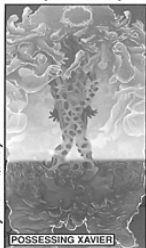
TRANCE
(Hope Abbott)
New X-Men: Academy
X #12 (2005)



WOLF CUB
(Nicholas Gleason)
Chamber #1 (2002)



HISTORY: Cassandra Nova is a member of a species of living emotional energy parasites called mummudrai who are conceived alongside living beings in utero and copy their DNA to become their ultimate opposite. The unborn Charles Xavier became aware of his mummudrai opposite and attempted to kill it, resulting in its physical body being stillborn; however, the mummudrai survived as chaotic cellular matter and clung to a sewer wall for decades, rebuilding its physical form and perfecting its effort to mimic human traits. Perceiving the womb she had become aware in as her entire universe, Cassandra believed that only she and Charles were real, and that killing Charles meant mastery of the universe. To that end, she lured dentist Donald Trask III, nephew of Sentinel creator Bolivar Trask, into helping her control a group of environmentally adaptable "wild" Sentinels by copying his DNA, thereby ensuring the Sentinels' core directive of protecting the Trask lineage would also apply to her. After killing Trask, Cassandra had the Sentinels slaughter the mutant population of the Island nation Genosha to weaken Charles' resolve. Inevitably clashing with Charles' X-Men, Cassandra infected them with Nano-Sentinels she had secreted in her bloodstream that began dismantling the X-Men's white cell immune structures, slowly weakening them. Reaching the X-Men's mutant-detecting Cerebra device, she used it to secretly switch minds with Charles just before the X-Man Emma Frost broke Cassandra's body's neck. His mind trapped in his sister's broken body, Charles tried to warn the X-Men; however, Cassandra — in Charles' body — used a gun to end the faux threat.



In Charles' body, Cassandra publicly outed him as a mutant. After the X-Man Beast discovered her secret, Cassandra telepathically forced young student Beast into bludgeoning him into a coma. She then left Earth with Charles' alien Shi'ar allies and mentally coerced their Empress Ulandra into ordering the Imperial Guard to destroy Earth's mutants. After the truth was revealed, the Imperial

REAL NAME: Cassandra Xavier

ALIASES: Mummudrai, Anti-Self, Immensity

IDENTITY: Secret

OCCUPATION: Terrorist; former student

CITIZENSHIP: USA (legally deceased)

PLACE OF BIRTH: New York City, New York

KNOWN RELATIVES: Brian & Sharon Xavier (parents, deceased), Charles Francis Xavier (Professor X, brother)

GROUP AFFILIATION: None

EDUCATION: Various courses at Xavier Institute for Higher Learning, Westchester, New York

FIRST APPEARANCE: (Cassandra Nova) New X-Men #114 (2001); (true form) New X-Men #122 (2002)

Guard joined the X-Men in opposing Cassandra when she returned to Earth. As they all fell before Cassandra's power, Jean Grey used Cerebra to split Charles' consciousness between the minds of every living mutant on Earth. When Cassandra tried to use Cerebra to kill all mutants, Charles' consciousness re-connected and he forced Cassandra out of his body. Now fleshless, the mummudrai desperately sought another body. Emma, her students the Steplord Cuckoos and Imperial Guardsman Stuff tricked Cassandra into inhabiting a synthetic copy of her old body. On entering it, the mummudrai found itself trapped and forced to undertake preprogrammed tutelage; however, in a last act of desperation, it planted a suggestion deep within Emma's psyche. This suggestion grew over time, exploiting Emma's survivor's guilt from the Genosha genocide and creating a psychic delusion wherein Emma believed that Cassandra had returned and recruited her into a new Hellfire Club including Sebastian Shaw and Negasonic Teenage Warhead, a young Genosha mutant whom Emma failed to save. Eventually, Emma turned on the X-Men, tormenting them with psychic illusions and trapping Kitty Pryde in an illusory reality designed to incite her to release Stuff's form from its lockbox. Regaining its freedom, the mummudrai tried to infiltrate Pryde's mind, but she proved too resistant so Cassandra sought an alternate host. At that moment, the X-Men were attacked by their enemies Ord and Danger, and all were teleported away by the spy agency SWORD to address a looming interstellar crisis. SWORD's resident psychic Sydrin detected no trace of Cassandra in Emma's mind, leaving a question mark as to the mummudrai's whereabouts.



HEIGHT: (True form) Variable; (Cassandra Nova) 5'4"
WEIGHT: (True form) Inapplicable; (Cassandra Nova) 115 lbs.
EYES: (True form) Inapplicable; (Cassandra Nova) Blue
HAIR: (True form) Inapplicable; (Cassandra Nova) None

ABILITIES/ACCESSORIES: Cassandra Nova can copy the DNA of others and manipulate it to act as a rapid healing factor or to shift her molecules so as to pass unharmed through solid matter. Further, she can manipulate others' DNA, breaking it down at the molecular level. After copying Charles Xavier's DNA, Cassandra accessed the full spectrum of latent mutant functions in his genome, granting herself vast psionic powers. When separated from its host, the Cassandra mummudrai has only rudimentary intelligence, driven by a need to return to a host.

POWER GRID	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
INTELLIGENCE	[Full bar]						
STRENGTH	[Full bar]						
SPEED	[Full bar]						
DURABILITY	[Full bar]						
ENERGY PROJECTION	[Full bar]						
FIGHTING SKILLS	[Full bar]						

REAL NAME: Jean Grey-Summers

ALIASES: Redd Dayspring, Ms. Psyche, Marvel Le Fey, Marvel Girl, "Jeannie"

IDENTITY: Publicly known

OCCUPATION: Adventurer; former acting headmistress, teacher, student, fashion model

CITIZENSHIP: USA

PLACE OF BIRTH: Annandale-on-Hudson, New York

KNOWN RELATIVES: John Grey (father), Elaine Grey (mother), Brian Grey (uncle), Phyllis Dennefer (aunt), Roy Dennefer (uncle), Sara Grey-Bailey (sister), Julia Grey (sister), Roger Grey (brother), Liam Grey (brother), Gailyn Bailey (Shatter-Box, niece), Joey Bailey (Shatter-Box, nephew), Derry Campbell (niece), Bekka Wallis (niece), Mary-Margaret (niece), Kindra (niece), Julian (nephew) (all deceased), Paul Bailey (brother-in-law), Scott Summers (Cyclops, husband), Charles Grey, Eleanor Grey, Lady Grey, Malkin Grey (ancestors), Christopher Summers (Corsair, father-in-law), Alexander Summers (Havok, brother-in-law), Gabriel Summers (Vulcan, brother-in-law), Phil Summers (grandfather-in-law), Deborah Summers (grandmother-in-law), Fred Harriman (in-law on father's side, deceased), Madelaine Pryor-Summers (clone, deceased), Nathan Christopher Summers (Cable, stepson), Styfle (clone stepson, deceased), Tyler Dayspring (Genesis, step-grandson, deceased), Rachel Grey (Marvel Girl, alternate timeline daughter), Nate Grey (X-Man, alternate timeline progeny, deceased), Terry Maguire (unspecified relationship, deceased), Dark Mother (alleged relation)

GROUP AFFILIATION: Formerly X-Men, the Twelve, Brides of Set, X-Factor/X-Terminators

EDUCATION: College-level education, Metro College & Xavier Institute For Higher Learning

FIRST APPEARANCE: (Marvel Girl) X-Men #1 (1963); (Phoenix) Adventures of Cyclops and Phoenix #4 (1994)

HISTORY: Jean Grey's mutant nature manifested when she was 10 years old after her best friend Annie Richardson was hit by a car. As the girl lay dying in her arms, Jean inadvertently linked minds with her and experienced her death firsthand. Her parents subsequently sought help for Jean, eventually taking her to Professor Charles Xavier who used his mutant telepathic powers to erect mental blocks within Jean's mind to allow her time to develop into her telepathy. Xavier began training her telekinetic abilities, and quickly learned that she had the potential to become a supremely powerful mutant. During one such training session, Jean felt another mind calling to her and with Xavier's help determined it to be young orphan Scott Summers. Eventually, Jean officially enrolled at Xavier's School for Gifted Youngsters and joined the X-Men, a group of teenage mutants which included Scott as Cyclops. Soon after, Jean made her public debut as Marvel Girl alongside her teammates to oppose Xavier's nemesis, Magneto.

Despite romantic interest from her teammate Angel (Warren Worthington III), Jean and Scott quickly became besotted with one another but were reluctant to express their feelings due to his position as team leader. During her first few months with the X-Men, Jean and her teammates faced such threats as the Vanisher, the Brotherhood of Evil Mutants, the Mad Thinker and his Awesome Android, the Sub-Mariner, and the time-traveling Sidestep. Jean and her teammates ultimately graduated from Xavier's, and her parents sent her to Metro College, though she remained an X-Man. Jean befriended fellow student Ted Roberts, brother of scientist Ralph Roberts who adopted the armored Cobalt-Man identity and rampaged until stopped by the X-Men.

When Xavier sequestered himself to prepare against an invasion of Earth by the alien Z'Nox, he sought Jean's aid in having the mutant shapeshifter Changeling impersonate him. He also removed the psychic shields from Jean's mind, allowing her full access to her telepathy. When Changeling was killed by Grotesk, Jean maintained the pretense by mourning Xavier's loss. After the X-Men briefly disbanded, Jean finally began dating Scott, albeit as part of her cover for her work as a photographic model. Eventually the X-Men reunited, and Xavier revealed the truth in time to lead them in opposing the Z'Nox invasion. Jean and her teammates subsequently battled the Hulk, encountered Magneto in the Savage Land, joined the young African mutant Ororo in opposing Deluge, and teamed with the Fantastic Four in ending the Z'Nox threat once and for all. During their journey to the Z'Nox world, Jean encountered the cosmic Phoenix Force which, having been aware of her since her birth, was drawn to her untapped potential.

Soon after, Jean and her teammates were captured by the living island Krakoa and were rescued by a new X-Men team, one of whom — Wolverine — Jean found herself inexplicably attracted to. Upon returning home, Jean left the X-Men to explore a life outside the team, moving into an apartment with private investigator Misty Knight. She continued her relationship with Scott, and also befriended another new X-Man, Storm (the young Ororo she had met earlier). While on a date with Scott, Jean was captured by Sentinels alongside the X-Men Banshee and Wolverine and imprisoned onboard their creator Steven Lang's orbital space platform. Rescued by her former teammates, the X-Men escaped in a shuttle; however, its cockpit's radiation shielding had been damaged. Jean opted to pilot it, hoping her telekinesis would shield her. It didn't, and Jean was bombarded with cosmic radiation that quickly began killing her. Her plight attracted the Phoenix Force, which offered to save her life. She accepted, and the Force duplicated her body, infusing it with a portion of her consciousness. It then placed her real body in a healing cocoon as the shuttle crashed into Jamaica Bay off New York City. Jean's cocoon lay at the bottom of the bay while the Phoenix Force, intoxicated with experiencing humanity,





came to believe it was the real Jean. Unaware of the switch, the X-Men welcomed "Jean" back into their ranks as Phoenix.

After Phoenix was driven insane and became Dark Phoenix, the portion of Jean's consciousness within it resurfaced and forced it to destroy its mortal shell rather than continue as a universal threat. Seeking atonement, the Force returned the portion of Jean's consciousness to Earth; however, it returned to the still-healing Jean with visions of death and destruction that she rejected, forcing it to instead seek out a recently-created clone of Jean in Madelyne Pryor, awakening her. Jean's cocoon was later discovered by the Avengers who called in the Fantastic Four's Reed Richards to examine it. Richards used bio-radiants to stimulate Jean's conscious mind, which, although damaging her access to her telepathic powers, brought her out of her coma-like state and allowed her to break free of the cocoon. Returning to her parents' home, Jean learned of all that had transpired during her absence via a Shi'ar holomemorphic matrix crystal that Phoenix had created. Jean was then reunited with her former teammates, and together they formed X-Factor, a group posing as mutant hunters that secretly rescued mutants. Jean soon learned that Scott had married Madelyne and fathered a son, Nathan, during her absence, and felt betrayed by her teammates for keeping this from her.

After Angel was hospitalized following the Marauders' massacre of the Morlocks, Jean became his most regular visitor. When Jean learned her sister Sara had become a mutant rights activist, she became concerned for her safety. Jean and Scott went to Sara's house and found all her personal effects missing moments before it was firebombed by mutant hatters. Subsequently, Jean bore witness to Angel's apparent suicide, and the anti-mutant sentiments that tainted his memorial service. Following Madelyne's apparent death, Scott accused Jean of being Phoenix, which she angrily denied. Their argument degenerated into a super-battle that ended after the mutant power-dampener Leech cancelled out their powers. Eventually, Jean convinced Scott that she had never been Phoenix, and asked him to show her the site of Phoenix's "death" on the Moon.

During a subsequent battle against Apocalypse's Horsemen, Jean and her teammates discovered that Angel was still alive but had been twisted by Apocalypse into becoming his Horseman Death. Angel ultimately overcame Apocalypse's reprogramming and rejoined X-Factor in opposing him. Following Apocalypse's defeat, Jean reconciled with Scott and they renewed their relationship. Shortly thereafter, she and Scott watched the televised apparent death of the X-Men and a parting message from the very much alive Madelyne

which confused matters between her and Scott. Jean finally reunited with her parents before returning to X-Factor to celebrate Christmas with them, after which she and Scott resolved matters between them and set about locating the missing Nathan. Their search led them to the orphanage where Scott lived after his parents' apparent death. Investigating, the pair uncovered a secret laboratory beneath the orphanage and Scott's son therein, but were attacked by Nanny, the Orphan-Maker, and the Lost Boys (and Girls), who counted amongst their number Jean's nephew Joey and niece Gailyn as Shatter-Box. As Nanny's children were all orphans, Jean feared the worst for her sister Sara. Defeating Nanny and the Orphan-Maker, Jean and Scott failed to prevent Nathan being kidnapped by demons as part of an attempted invasion of Earth spearheaded by a returned Madelyne who had been corrupted by the

demon N'astirh. During the invasion, X-Factor was reunited with the X-Men, and Jean was kissed passionately by Wolverine. Madelyne ultimately confronted Jean and sought to complete the demonic invasion by sacrificing herself to kill Nathan; however, Scott saved Nathan, ending the invasion. As her last act, Madelyne telepathically linked with Jean, seeking to have Jean die with her. To survive, Jean reclaimed the previously rejected portion of her consciousness within Madelyne, absorbing aspects of both Madelyne and Phoenix in the process. Jean was then attacked by Madelyne's creator Mr. Sinister, who sought to destroy the memories Jean had absorbed. She was saved when Sinister was seemingly slain by Scott. Soon after, Jean began bonding with baby Nathan, and began pondering motherhood.

Following another encounter with Nanny and the Orphan-Maker, Jean rescued her nephew and niece; however, due to Nanny's brainwashing, they didn't recognize her, but they did recognize their grandparents and so Jean left them with her parents. After briefly being influenced by the Deviant Ghaur into becoming one of the seven Brides of Set in an attempt to bring the serpent god back to Earth, X-Factor was transported to a war-torn planet that was set to be judged by the cosmic Celestials. There Jean found herself suffering from multiple personality disorder as both the Phoenix and Madelyne personalities fought for control of her mind. Ultimately Jean purged herself of their personalities in a massive blast of energy that repelled the Celestial Arishem, leaving her with only their memories. Back on Earth, Scott finally proposed to Jean, but despite loving him she refused, wishing to find her own identity again before committing. After a symbolic visit to Phoenix's grave, Jean met Rachel Summers,





the daughter of Earth-811's counterparts of herself and Scott. Initially rejecting Rachel because of the future she represented, Jean eventually accepted her.

Later, when X-Factor was attacked by Apocalypse's Dark Riders, Jean was confronted by the telepathic Psynapse who forced her to relive the death of her childhood friend Annie; the traumatic experience reactivated Jean's own telepathy. Subsequently, Nathan was infected by Apocalypse with a techno-organic virus, and Scott was forced to send him to the future of Earth-4935 to survive. X-Factor was subsequently reunited with Xavier in time to aid him and the X-Men against the Shadow King, after which they rejoined the X-Men. Jean and Scott were assigned to separate X-Men teams, and in her first mission with the "Gold Team" Jean found herself opposing a mind-controlled Scott and his "Blue Team" until they came to their senses. Soon after, Jean was seemingly killed by Sentinels; but survived by transferring her psyche into the then-comatose body of the Hellfire Club's White Queen, Emma Frost, and was subsequently restored to her own body with Xavier's aid.

Jean encountered the Phoenix Force once more after it had possessed Rachel who was seemingly killed during a battle with Necrom. On the astral plane, Jean learned of the Force's origins and bore witness to its restoration of Rachel and their merger. Jean and Scott were captured by their former X-Factor teammate Caliban, now Apocalypse's Horseman Death, and turned over to Mr. Sinister who, in turn, traded them to Styfle, a despot from Earth-4935 who claimed to be the now-adult Nathan. Jean and Scott eventually learned that Nathan was actually the mutant soldier Cable, and that Styfle was his clone.

Eventually, despite their past troubles and recent unwarranted attention towards Cyclops from their teammate Psylocke, Jean and Scott committed to one another. Soon after, Jean proposed to Scott, and he naturally accepted. The pair were married on the grounds of the Xavier Institute, then honeymooned in St. Barts. There they were located by the future Clan Askani, led by the time-displaced Rachel, who pulled both their psyches into the future of Earth-4935 and placed them in cloned bodies to help safeguard the infant Nathan from Apocalypse. As Ridd and Strym, Jean and Scott spent 12 years raising Nathan, culminating in a climactic battle against Apocalypse. Before sending Jean and Scott home, Rachel asked Jean to take the name "Phoenix," a request that Jean honored.

Upon their return, Jean finally learned of her sister Sara's fate when she and Scott became involved in the X-Men's battle against the

techno-organic alien Phalanx, who had absorbed Sara into their collective which was subsequently destroyed. Following an attack on the X-Men by Bastion and his anti-mutant Operation: Zero Tolerance, Jean and Scott took an extended vacation from the X-Men. While in Alaska, Jean explored the full extent of her powers and symbolically adopted Phoenix's costume; however, her development was cut short after a backlash of a battle between Psylocke and the Shadow King temporarily cancelled out psionic abilities worldwide. Jean and Scott returned to the X-Men to find the team disbanded by Xavier. When approached for help by the Mannites, Jean, Scott and Wolverine (secretly a Skrull imposter) formed an ad-hoc team to protect them from Apocalypse's newest Horseman Death (secretly the true Wolverine). Subsequently, Jean learned that she was one of "the Twelve," a group of mutants destined to usher in a golden age for mutantkind. This destiny was coopted by Apocalypse, who sought to use the Twelve to gain more power. While opposing Apocalypse, Scott sacrificed himself to defeat the villain by merging with him. Jean and Cable later freed Scott, but the experience had changed him and their relationship suffered as a result.

Jean subsequently assumed the position of acting Xavier Institute headmistress after Xavier left for the interstellar Shi'ar Empire. Jean resumed her earlier exploration of her powers, and during an attack by the organ-harvesting U-Men she manifested a Phoenix raptor. Feeling empowered, Jean became less insecure about her relationship troubles with Scott. After learning that Xavier's twin sister Cassandra Nova had switched minds with him, Jean temporarily took the dying Xavier's mind within her own, then used the Cerebra computer to temporarily place a piece of Xavier's consciousness into the mind of every living mutant on Earth until it was unwittingly reconstituted by Cassandra. Subsequently, Xavier learned the truth behind Jean's increase in power when he discovered the Phoenix Force manifesting within Jean's mind. After learning that Scott and Emma Frost were having a psychic affair, Jean angrily confronted Emma but was placated after Scott had her read his memory of his and Emma's earlier encounter in Hong Kong. Jean later tapped into the Phoenix Force to restore Emma after her diamond form was shattered following an attempted assassination by Esme of the Steptford Cuckoos.

Following an attack on the X-Men by a mutant impersonating Magneto, Jean and Wolverine were trapped on a space station that was hurtling into the sun. Seeing no hope for survival, and wanting to spare her



Art by Liam Sharpe & Brandon Peterson



further suffering, Wolverine killed Jean, an act that inadvertently unleashed the Phoenix Force within her. It resurrected both Jean and Wolverine and returned them to Earth. There, Jean opposed the faux Magneto but was seemingly killed by a lethal electromagnetic pulse that shattered the Phoenix Force into billions of pieces. While incubating in the core of creation known as the White Hot Room, the Force was later ripped back to reality by a Shi'ar device that forcibly reconstituted it. Injured, the Force fell to Earth and sought out Cyclops to use his mutant optic power to heal itself. To that end, it searched for Jean and, finding her dead, resurrected her to house its power once more, despite Jean's protests. Struggling for control, Jean allowed Wolverine to kill her; however, the Force simply resurrected her again. Subsequent deaths caused by Wolverine eventually weakened the Force, allowing Jean to bury herself deep in the Arctic ice. Still seeking to heal itself, the Force next possessed the body of Cyclops' new love, Emma Frost, but quickly found itself imprisoned by the X-Men in a specially-designed containment chamber. Breaking free, the Force found itself confronted by Jean, who had been released by the X-Men. The Force ultimately realized that she was its prime host, and so left Emma to merge with Jean fully. After saving the X-Men from a Shi'ar weapon of mass destruction, Jean and the Force returned to the White Hot Room.

Art by Brett Booth, Lein Francis Yu & Frank Quitely



Art by John Byrne

HEIGHT: 5'6"

WEIGHT: 115 lbs.

EYES: Green

HAIR: Red

ABILITIES/ACCESSORIES: Jean Grey is a powerful telepath who can detect and read the thought patterns of others, project her own thoughts into the minds of others, form psychic links with other beings, control the minds of others so as to manipulate their physical functions, mentally stun opponents with pure psionic force, cast near-flawless illusions, and project her mind and the minds of others onto the astral plane. She also has powerful telekinetic abilities that she can use to levitate herself and others to allow flight, move or manipulate objects and other beings, stimulate molecules to increase friction, create protective force-fields, or project as concussive force.

While possessed by the Phoenix Force, Jean has total telekinetic control of matter at the molecular level, allowing her to manipulate atomic structures on a universal scale. She can generate any form of energy in seemingly unlimited amounts, as well as absorb energy from sources as great as a supernova or even convert her physical form to pure energy and back again. She can also exist in virtually any environment without harm, create space/time warps to travel through hyperspace or traverse the timestream, and her telepathic abilities are also vastly enhanced. When using her powers to a great extent, the Phoenix Force will manifest itself around her in the form of an enormous bird of cosmic flame.

Having fully merged with the Phoenix Force, Jean is now connected to the prime universal force of life, derived from the psyches of all living beings. The full extent of her abilities since merging with the Force is unrevealed.

Jean is also an accomplished pilot of various craft, a skilled teacher and an experienced fashion model.

POWER GRID

INTELLIGENCE
STRENGTH
SPEED
DURABILITY
ENERGY PROJECTION
FIGHTING SKILLS

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*PHOENIX IS A TELEPORTER

PREDATOR X

REAL NAME: Inapplicable
ALIASES: None
IDENTITY: No dual identity
OCCUPATION: Hunter/tracker
CITIZENSHIP: Inapplicable
PLACE OF CREATION: Facility R&D Labs, Canada
KNOWN RELATIVES: Inapplicable
GROUP AFFILIATION: None
EDUCATION: None
FIRST APPEARANCE: *New X-Men* #34 (2007); (full, identified) *New X-Men* #35 (2007)

HISTORY: As part of his crusade to destroy mutantkind, Rev. William Stryker tasked scientists at the Facility to create the ultimate anti-mutant weapon. The result was Predator X, a genetically engineered life form designed as an organic mutant hunter/tracker requiring mutant DNA to survive. The Facility initially created three of these creatures, testing one by setting it against kidnapped elephantine mutant Mammomax. The creature swiftly killed him, stripping his flesh down to the bone. Satisfied with the result after the Predator X absorbed Mammomax's DNA and took on a massive form similar to its victim's, the Facility's scientists forcibly extracted samples of the liquid metal skin of kidnapped mutant student Mercury (Cessily Kincaid) to bond to the creatures. When Mercury's New X-Men teammates Hellion (Julian Keller) and X-23 arrived to rescue her, the Predator Xs savagely attacked them. During the clash, one Predator X wounded Hellion while another was slain by X-23. The X-Men and the other New X-Men intervened alongside the Megaton Sentinel, which slew a second Predator X. The sole remaining Predator X then fled its increased opposition.

Subsequently, the lone Predator X continued to hunt and devour mutants unlucky enough to stray into its path. Found by Stryker's Purifiers, Predator X was lured into hunting Mercury's teammate Dust (Sooraya Qadir) in an act of revenge for her earlier wounding of Purifier Mathew Rismann; however, upon nearing the Xavier Institute, Predator X sensed the birth of a new mutant child in Alaska and changed course. Arriving in the aftermath of a battle between the Purifiers and the Marauders, Predator X devoured the corpses of fallen Marauders Blockbuster and Prism to regain its strength before resuming its hunt for the child.

HEIGHT: 7'4"

EYES: White (no visible sclera)

WEIGHT: 1015 lbs.

HAIR: None

ABILITIES/ACCESSORIES: Predator X is dependent on mutant DNA, with an insatiable craving for mutant blood, bone, muscle and flesh. It craves its next meal even while finishing its current fare. The more it eats, the hungrier it gets. Its genetics were left intentionally incomplete; its DNA strand evolves with every meal, allowing it to form defensive attributes against powers similar to its victim's.

When Predator X comes into contact with mutant blood, a psychic connection is formed between Predator X and the mutant, allowing Predator X to see flashes of their recent memories. These visions help Predator X find its next meal, tracking down the people and places seen in those memories. While it possesses heightened senses, its engineered mutant tracking ability far exceeds its more natural skills.

Predator X's bones and muscles have enhanced flexibility, while its skin is liquid metal, affording it enhanced durability and rapid healing of wounds. Its jaws are large enough to swallow a man whole, while its teeth are sharp enough to cut a man in two with a single bite. Predator X is evolving into the ultimate organic sentinel, growing stronger and more deadly with every mutant it devours.

POWER GRID

INTELLIGENCE
STRENGTH
SPEED
DURABILITY
ENERGY PROJECTION
FIGHTING SKILLS

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SAVAGE LAND MUTATES

HISTORY: Sustained by ancient alien technology in the heart of frozen Antarctica, the Savage Land is a vast tropical jungle inhabited by prehistoric beasts and indigenous people divided into various tribes. Mutant terrorist Magneto once sought to make the Savage Land his power base. Using the alias of "Creator," Magneto developed machines that would tap into the Savage Land's energies and genetically enhance or devolve living beings. Magneto then kidnapped several tribesmen and evolved them into mutants, each possessing unique powers and abilities. Purposely making these mutants subservient to him, Magneto formed them into a team willing to do his bidding and called them the Savage Land Mutates. The frog-like Amphibius possesses a prehensile tongue and the abilities to leap vast distances, breathe underwater and control some sea life. Four-armed Barbarus is superhumanly strong and resilient. Despite his childlike mannerisms, Brainchild has a large brain capable of processing information at vast speeds and limited telepathic abilities. Equilibrium can mesmerize others with his hypnotic eyes. Blind giant Gaza can track others with his radar-like senses and battle them with enhanced strength. Lupo developed a special affinity for animal life, particularly wild dogs, and can command them in battle. Lastly, Piper commands animal life by playing music with his flute. Magneto had the Mutates continue kidnapping other savages for enhancement, but the plot was exposed by Ka-Zar, the lord of the Savage Land, and Magneto's nemesis, the X-Men. The heroes battled the Mutates but were stopped by Magneto's newest evolved Mutate, Lorelei, who effectively paralyzed all the men with her hypnotic song. The only female hero, Marvel Girl (Jean Grey), destroyed Magneto's machine and the Mutates were reverted to their original states. Magneto soon enhanced them again, however, and used Amphibius as his lackey for a time.

The Mutates, briefly calling themselves the Beast-Brood, wanted to add more to their numbers, and they kidnapped several scientists from South America in the hope of using them to evolve more savages and planning to destroy all humans with their superior numbers. When the Avengers and their allies investigated, they easily defeated the Mutates and rescued the scientists. Magneto used Piper in a subsequent plot against the Avengers, and also briefly recruited Lorelei into his Brotherhood of Evil Mutants to battle the Defenders. Lorelei was subsequently reverted to an infant by Alpha the Ultimate Mutant and restored to adulthood by Eric the Red (Dawan Shakar). The Mutates later took over the abandoned home of Garokk the Petrified Man, and Brainchild restored the genetic transformer equipment, creating a new mutator, Vertigo, who could alter others' perceptions so as to disorient them. When Spider-Man (Peter Parker) and Angel (Warren Worthington III) arrived in the Savage Land seeking Karl Lykos, the human persona of the mutated pterodactyl-like Sauron, the Mutates captured them and Brainchild devolved them to super-powered cavemen. With their new allies, they attacked the Fall People tribe, but Ka-Zar and Lykos opposed them and the Mutates were forced to flee, though Lykos drained energies from those who had been devolved and became Sauron once again. Sauron later allied with power-mad priestess Zaladane, who had once worshipped Garokk, and they took joint control over the Mutates, who eagerly followed the duo in building a new headquarters. For this endeavor they were joined by Lupo, now calling himself Timberius. The Mutates battled the X-Men when the heroes attacked, and Brainchild devolved a few of the heroes to savage states and back with a new machine, allowing Sauron to drain the excess energies. The X-Men and Ka-Zar defeated Sauron and Zaladane, then used Brainchild's machine to devolve the Mutates once again.

The Mutates were later evolved yet again, while Vertigo went on to join Mr. Sinister's Marauders where she was killed and cloned more than once, only returning to the Mutates on occasion. Brainchild created two more mutants — Whiteout, who can blind others with a brilliant flash of white light, and the serpentine Worm, who secretes a mucus-like substance he can use to control others' actions. In addition, Lupo was further mutated, taking on a feral furred appearance with fangs and claws. Zaladane took charge of the Mutates once more and they allied with

KNOWN MEMBERS: Amphibius, Barbarus, Brainchild, Equilibrium, Gaza, Leash, Lorelei (Lani Ubanu), Lupa, Lupo/Timberius, Piper, Vertigo, Whiteout, Worm

BASE OF OPERATIONS: Savage Land, Antarctica

FIRST APPEARANCE: X-Men #63 (1969)

the High Evolutionary who used his technology to restore the Savage Land after it had been temporarily overwhelmed by the frigid snows of Antarctica. Zaladane led the Mutates on a bloody crusade across the Savage Land, seeking to control the entire territory. She set up towers to absorb magnetic energy and sent the Mutates to South America to kidnap the magneto-manipulating mutant Polaris. Worm brought many under his control, bolstering Zaladane's armies, while Polaris underwent a power transfer with Zaladane. Polaris then surprisingly gained enhanced strength, allowing her to aid the X-Men and Ka-Zar against Zaladane. Once Worm was defeated, the wills of Zaladane's armies were restored and her headquarters destroyed. Zaladane soon led the Mutates in amassing power once again, restoring her base and putting more armies under Worm's control. A weakened Magneto joined with Rogue of the X-Men, Ka-Zar and Nick Fury, leader of the peace-keeping organization SHIELD, in infiltrating the Savage Land. Zaladane, who hoped to make the Savage Land a recognized nation under her control, saw Magneto captured and absorbed his powers as well; however, he subsequently regained his powers and killed Zaladane, leaving the Mutates leaderless.

When Sauron returned to the Savage Land, he took control of the Mutates once again and united many savage tribes under his rule. They briefly battled members of the X-Men who were in the Savage Land seeking clues as to Magneto's whereabouts. An erratically-behaving Sauron later sent Worm and Whiteout to kidnap the former X-Man Havok, whose power Sauron desired. Meanwhile, Sauron had the Mutates capture several tribesmen, allowing Sauron to feed on their life energies while the Mutates began doubting his sanity. The X-Men Cyclops, Jean Grey and Polaris came to Havok's aid, whereupon Sauron absorbed the energies



CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM-LEFT: AMPHIBIUS, GAZA, BARBARUS, LUPA, WHITEOUT & BRAINCHILD

of both Cyclops and Havok. Driven mad with power, Sauron fled, leaving the Mutates behind. Subsequently, for the first time, Brainchild assumed leadership of the Mutates and began implementing plans of conquest and revenge, intent on implementing many of his ideas. He evolved Lupa, a clawed feral female who consorted with wolves, and Leash, who could take psychic control of others. When a team of X-Men sought to bring the remaining lizard-like Saurids to settle in the Savage Land, Brainchild tried unsuccessfully to kill them. He sent Lupa to infiltrate the heroes and had Storm captured to experiment upon, altering her genetics to a primal state, after which he sent her with the Mutates to attack a city of united tribes where the X-Men and Saurids were staying. Despite Storm's added power, the Mutates were defeated once again and imprisoned. Months later, another race of evolved reptiles, the Hauk'ka, sought to conquer the Savage Land, and the Mutates were freed in order to aid the united tribes against the invaders. The X-Men arrived to help them, though they were reluctant to trust the Mutates, not knowing that Leash had already placed Ka-Zar under her control. When Leash tried controlling one of the Hauk'ka, though, she was exposed by the X-Men and forced to stop. The Hauk'ka mentally enslaved Storm and sought to have her unleash devastating weather on their foes, but Brainchild, due to his prior studies of Storm, created a device that would switch control of her to him. The X-Men saw through the plot and defeated both the Mutates and the Hauk'ka.

Brainchild later had the Mutates build a new base, and he genetically modified several tyrannosaurs to possess enhanced telekinesis and offensive weaponry. When the United States government's Office of National Emergency (O'N'E) sent human-plotted Sentinels to investigate,

the tyrannosaurs defeated the robots easily, and Brainchild had some of the pilots captured. The remaining pilots infiltrated the headquarters, liberated their teammates and defeated the beasts. Subsequently, Lykos and Barbarus both escaped from the Raft in a breakout that freed dozens of super-criminals, and returned to the Savage Land. A new Avengers team pursued them and was captured by the Mutates. Brainchild planned to devour the heroes and unleash them on the United States, but Lykos refuted this plot. Before they could decide what to do, the Avengers escaped and swiftly defeated the Mutates. Lykos transformed into Sauron and was nearly killed by a rogue SHIELD faction, but the Avengers arrested him.



TOP TO BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: GAZA, AMPHIBIUS, BARBARUS, LUPO, BRAINCHILD & EQUILIBRIUS



MAGNETO
(Magnus)
Founder in X-Men #62
(1969)



ZALADANE
(Zala Dane)
Leader in Uncanny X-Men
Annual #12 (1968)



SAURON
(Karl Lykos)
Leader in Wolverine
#69 (1993)



BRAINCHILD
Active in X-Men #62 (1969);
leader in X-Treme X-Men:
Savage Land #1 (2001)



AMPHIBIUS
Active in X-Men #62
(1969)



BARBARUS
Active in X-Men #62
(1969)



EQUILIBRIUS
Active in X-Men #62
(1969)



GAZA
Active in X-Men #62
(1969)



LEASH
Active in X-Treme
X-Men: Savage Land
#3 (2002)



LORELEI
(Lani Ubari)
Active in X-Men #63
(1969)



LUPI
Active in X-Treme
X-Men: Savage Land
#2 (2001)



LUPO
Active in X-Men #62
(1969)



PIPER
Active in X-Men #62
(1969)



VERTIGO
Active in Marvel Fanfare
#1 (1982)



WHITEOUT
Active in Uncanny
X-Men #249 (1989)



WORM
Active in Uncanny
X-Men #250 (1989)

HISTORY: A centuries old mutant sorceress, Selene's origins remain largely unrevealed. Over 10,000 years ago, she clashed with the ancient sorcerer Kulan Gath. She was also considered one of the External's, a loose grouping of long-lived mutants who occasionally met over the centuries. She eventually settled in Nova Roma, a Roman colony in the Brazilian rainforest, where she disguised herself as a common citizen while founding the Cult of Fire, followers who worshipped her and provided her sacrifices. Maintaining this guise for centuries, Selene married Senator Marcus Domitius Gallio, who knew of her true heritage and whom she helped develop more power. Gallio's biggest rival was Lucius Antonius Aquilla, whose wife's life force was taken by Selene. Aquilla sent his daughter, Amara, to live in the rainforest among the others who had fled from Selene, calling themselves Amazons. Both Selene and Gallio saw potential for greater power when four of the young New Mutants ended up captives in Nova Roma, arriving at the same time as young Amara. Selene tried claiming the life forces of Danielle Moonstar and Amara, learning Amara was also a mutant (later called Magma). The two young mutants knocked Selene into a lava pit, believing her dead. Meanwhile, during a conflict in Nova Roma, Aquilla killed Gallio.

Selene relocated to New York City and began building a power base. She unsuccessfully tried draining the power of the Juggernaut before attempting to take control of the powerful mutant Phoenix (Rachel Summers), though the X-Men stopped her. Selene tracked down an ancient cult who worshipped her, claiming power over their member Friedrich von Roehm who introduced Selene to the Hellfire Club's Inner Circle, a group of powerful mutants with international connections to many in positions of power. Selene arrogantly claimed her place among the Inner Circle's leaders, including the Black King (Sebastian Shaw) and White Queen (Emma Frost). Phoenix and Magma sneaked into the Hellfire Club to get revenge on Selene, who took mental control of them until the X-Men freed them once again. After the Club had a party to officially welcome Selene into their ranks, Kulan Gath, still alive and seeking power, cast a spell over New York, transforming all within into medieval versions of themselves. Selene, immune to the spell, recruited several heroes, inspiring them with a loyalty to her. Selene usurped control of Gath's power base only to be killed by the alien machine Warlock; however, Earth's Sorcerer Supreme, Dr. Strange, cast a spell that reversed events so that Gath's spell never took form.

Phoenix tried to assassinate Selene and came dangerously close, only stopped by Wolverine, who didn't want to see his teammate become a murderer. Selene quickly organized the Hellfire Club into seeking out Phoenix for revenge and they fought the X-Men in Central Park; however, an attack by the future mutant-hunting Sentinel Nimrod forced the X-Men and the Hellfire Club to work together against their mutual foe. By battle's end, two of the Inner Circle were killed and the teams parted amicably. The X-Men's new leader Magneto joined the Hellfire Club's ranks, and Selene participated in several meetings and a battle against the High Evolutionary's Purifiers to save Magma, for whom Selene had private plans. The Inner Circle's ranks split when Shaw and Magneto had a falling out, and Selene began pursuing more personal plots for power. She unsuccessfully tried seducing the Hulk (Bruce Banner); fought against Captain America (Steve Rogers), Diamondback (Rachel Leighton) and the Red Skull's Skeleton Crew when they got too

REAL NAME: Selene Gallio

ALIASES: Demon Huntress, Dark Huntress, Lady Selene, Moon Goddess, Daughter of the Moon, Mistress of the Fire, Black Priestess, Black Queen, others

IDENTITY: No dual identity

OCCUPATION: Sorceress

CITIZENSHIP: Unrevealed

PLACE OF BIRTH: Unrevealed

KNOWN RELATIVES: Marcus Domitius Gallio (husband, deceased)

GROUP AFFILIATION: Hellfire Club (New York Inner Circle); formerly External's

EDUCATION: Self-taught over centuries

FIRST APPEARANCE: New Mutants #9 (1983)

close to the Hellfire Club; tried kidnapping the newly youthful Spitfire in England in an attempt to duplicate her rejuvenation; and worked with the powerful telepathic Gamesmaster to manipulate several villains into forming the Upstarts, a group constantly working at achieving "points" by slaying or capturing assigned targets. This backfired when the Upstart from the alternate future of Earth-1191, Trevor Fitzroy, trapped Selene





in a deadly spooling chamber that cyclically shredded her flesh and restored her, ensuring perpetual agony.

Selene manipulated the young sorceress Day Tripper (Amanda Sefton) into freeing her from the chamber, though her attempt to trap Seton's lover Nightcrawler in the chamber failed. Having exited the chamber prematurely, Selene needed time to heal fully. She soon resettled in Paris, where she sensed the powerful Madelyne Pryor (actually an alternate reality Jean Grey from Earth-998) and lured her away from Pryor's ally, Eath-295's mutant hero Nate Grey. While molding Pryor to her will, Selene went to New York and drained the life from four of her fellow long-lived mutant Externals, despite opposition from X-Force. At the peak of her powers, Selene introduced Pryor and Fitzroy, whom Selene had placed under her control, to Shaw as bargaining pieces to rejoin the Hellfire Club. Pryor's entrance proved to be a disaster, however, as she manipulated Shaw herself and, after pursuing a personal plot for power, soon disappeared. After bargaining with Frost over obtaining the love of Hellfire Club soldier Chet Andrews (who was accidentally killed in the bargain), Selene tried enhancing her powers again by using an Asgardian Runestaff, which was made from the world-tree Yggdrasil and which Selene had collected centuries before to await a cosmic alignment that would vastly increase her power. Needing an Asgardian's blood to use the Runestaff, Selene collected



a sample from Danielle Moonstar, who had served as an Asgardian Valkyrie. Just as she was prepared to absorb the cosmic energies, Moonstar and Warpath of X-Force knocked the Runestaff away and the power instead animated the Colossal Man, previously a giant inanimate festival effigy, whom X-Force defeated.

She later allied with Blackheart, the Hell-lord Mephisto's demonic son, and they plotted world domination, capturing rival Hell-lord Hellstorm (Daimon Hellstrom). When the Fantastic Four's ally Alyssa Moy nearly discovered their plot, Blackheart struck out at her, putting the Fantastic Four on their tail. Selene captured another sorceress, Margali Szardos, and turned several Hellfire Club operatives into demons, but the plot was foiled when the Fantastic Four and

technological sorcerer Mechatmage freed Hellstorm, who bound Blackheart and Selene to the basement of the Hellfire Club building in New York. Selene ultimately escaped and sought to obtain a powerful Gatherer robot, which had been used to shape the world by the massive alien Celestials, from the subversive Damocles Foundation. She manipulated Brazilian mutant Sunspot into joining her against the Foundation and, though they were captured by the Damocles Foundation and rescued by X-Force, Selene obtained the Gatherer until Moonstar stopped her. Furious, Selene transported X-Force back to the Hellfire Club and psychically tortured them until Sunspot agreed to join Selene as the Club's Black King. Selene and Blackheart resurrected Sunspot's dead love, Juliana Sandoval in return. With new shadow-based powers, Selene next infiltrated the Hong Kong Hellfire Club and attacked her old foe Rachel Summers in an attempt to drain her powers, but Rachel bested her yet again. Most recently, Selene went on a killing spree in New York and manipulated the young Wither, a mutant with a lethal touch, into joining her.

HEIGHT: 5'10"
WEIGHT: 130 lbs.

EYES: Red
HAIR: Black

ABILITIES/ACCESSORIES: Selene is extremely long lived thanks to her ability to psionically drain others' life force. When she drains another's life force completely, the victim's body crumples into dust. Selene prefers to drain life force through touch, but she can absorb the energies of those who die near her and drain life force from a distance as well. Selene can sense the energy released from the deaths of others. By only partially draining the life force of others, Selene can place them under her psionic control or turn them into "energy vampires" like herself, though subject to her control. Upon touch, Selene can also release the inhibitions of others, turning them into more savage or base versions of themselves. If Selene goes without new energy for too long or if she expends too much of her own energy, she ages rapidly.

She is highly resistant to injury. She can withstand submersion in hot lava, bullet wounds and knife wounds, even claiming not to have a heart. She has enhanced strength, stamina, speed and reaction time. Selene's telekinetic abilities grant her complete control over inanimate objects and fire. She can restructure inanimate objects into various shapes and animate them by projecting a portion of her life force into them. This control can be very precise, such as covering subjects in a layer of rock, or massive, such as the moving of a mountain. She can also disintegrate inanimate objects, but has no control over organic material. Selene's telepathic abilities allow her to read the thoughts of others and project her thoughts over vast distances. She can momentarily hypnotize others even while briefly increasing her speed, making those around her think she has disappeared. In addition, her mind is resistant to telepathic attacks and magic spells meant to affect the memory.

Selene has been known to use magical spells to various effects, including enhanced mystical knowledge, summoning demons and other entities, manipulation of various artifacts (including mystic jewelry and runestaffs), teleportation across great distances, energy blasts, disguising the appearance of herself or others, and restraining others in mystic bonds. Recently, Selene displayed the ability to become intangible at will, manipulate and elongate her form in order to ensnare others, and meld herself with shadow.

POWER GRID	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
INTELLIGENCE							
STRENGTH							
SPEED							
DURABILITY							
ENERGY PROJECTION							
FIGHTING SKILLS							

"SELENE IS A TELEPORTER"

TRAITS: Possessing both mammalian and avian characteristics, the Shi'ar have humanoid bodies and feathered heads. In ancient times, the Shi'ar had wings growing under their arms that allowed them to fly, but only a few members have this capability now and these are often referred to as genetic throwbacks. The standard Shi'ar can lift approximately 1 ton, and the Shi'ar generally have 20 times the endurance of Earth humans. Shi'ar females possess mammary glands and are viviparous (give birth to live young), though some Shi'ar are artificially created and hatched from eggs, such as those contained in the Royal Hatchery. The Shi'ar are heavily reliant upon technology, fitting many members of their race with beacon implants that allow them to be tracked. They utilize cloning technology (evidenced in the case of Araki), planet-to-planet teleportation, starships equipped with warp drives, and stargates, allowing fast transport across vast interstellar distances. Isolated Shi'ar have superhuman abilities such as Electron, who wields magnetic and electric forces; Deathcry, who had purple skin, enhanced agility and claws; Korvus, who can tap into a portion of the Phoenix Force; and Dakari, the extremely powerful former praetor of a branch of the Imperial Guard.

HEIGHT: Variable
WEIGHT: Variable

EYES: Two (color variable)
SKIN: Variable

HISTORY: The race later called the Shi'ar was forged from defeat. An unidentified alien threat united several divided worlds, which drove the threat away, becoming the Shi'ar Empire. Their collective culture's dominant avian race became known as the Shi'ar and later ruled the galaxy from the planet Chandilar, also called the Aerie. The Shi'ar worship Sharru and Kythri, two gods who, the Shi'ar believe, were forced into a marriage from which they later drew strength. The Shi'ar began working to recruit other cultures into "marrying" into the Empire, accepting them willfully or forcing them to join. In the following centuries, the Shi'ar Empire reportedly grew to include a million worlds and many races, some of which had to be kept under constant martial law. The Shi'ar came to be ruled by an empress or emperor, also called a majestrix or majestor, and the ruling line was passed through generations within the same family line. Ruling councils, such as the Supreme Executive Council, the Grand Council and the Royal Commission, are appointed to aid the ruler, made up of Shi'ar leaders and, at times, representatives of other conquered races. In addition, rulers have been attended by various counselors and chancellors, including Aroke, Klor, and Araki and his clones.

In their war with the deadly Mephistoids, Tlyll Alabar became legendary for leading the Shi'ar to victory. He and the Mephistoid leader, "the Butcher," were put in stasis and set adrift in space, in order to hide Alabar's atrocities and to avoid the Mephistoids' remaining followers having an insurrection if he was put to death. Several centuries ago, the Shi'ar went to war with the Heptarchy and sought a means to take the Heptarchy's worlds intact. To that end, Shi'ar scientists developed a new type of weapon based on their research of the species of bodiless energy parasites called mummudrai — psychic entities conceived alongside living beings in utero who copy their DNA to become their ultimate opposite. Having extracted one such mummudrai — Ev Teel Urizen — from its host Ufvar Urizen, the Shi'ar's scientists used psi-scalpels to fully analyze the mummudrai until they learned how it was able to devour its host's mind. Creating an artificial mummudrai from Urizen's template, the Shi'ar encased it within an electrochemical force field and housed that inside a metallic sphere. This device, dubbed the Hecatomb, was intended to kill a planet's inhabitants by absorbing their minds into its matrix while leaving planetary infrastructure intact. Dropped onto the Heptarchy homeworld, the Hecatomb slew 18 billion instantly; however, its design

KNOWN MEMBERS: Tlyll Alabar, Alaké, Araki, Aroke, Avios, Babob, Baranka, C'eln, Cerise, Chakur, D'rehn, D'syndri, Dai'andal, Dakari, Deathcry, Electron, Eluke, Fath'raj, Jubber, Kilace, Krenn, Ktrin, Klor, Kloth, Ka'ardum, Kanan, Karanda, Kre'shje, Lderoh, Luten, Lyth'ka, Mielan, Maelen, Milyann Iec Hilyani, Mimosa, Muuvor, Mylz-Obryn, Kik N'kzai, N'ruto, Cals'yeec Neramani (Deathbird), D'ken Neramani, Lilandra Neramani, O'z's, P'kar, Plur'd, Port, Pupugli, Rook'shir, Korvus Rook'shir, Rugar, Samédár, Davan Shakari (Eric the Red), Shy'tharu, S'ani, Syth'kach, T'cahr, Yahnos Tr'morr, Tiv, Ufvar Urizen, Vivali, Vyrtal, Wivarto, Adam X (X-Treme), Ya'ton, Za'ken, others
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Shi'ar Empire
FIRST APPEARANCE: X-Men #97 (1976)

was flawed, and it could not contain that much thought energy at once. Thus the erasing process failed to occur, and the absorbed minds merged with the matrix. When the Shi'ar tried to deactivate the weapon, the Hecatomb became aware and began devouring minds from other alien races throughout space over the following centuries.

At some point, the Shi'ar grew to believe that the homeworld of the Mikraan Crystal, a powerful artifact capable of shaping reality, was the original homeworld of Sharru and Kythri. They searched for it for centuries until a stray craft found it, reporting back to then Emperor Vyrtal. The Shi'ar wiped out the current inhabitants of the world, leaving few survivors running for their lives. The Shi'ar soon lost track of the world yet again, however, leaving them to search for it further over the following centuries.

Hundreds of years ago, cosmic entity the Phoenix Force took on a Shi'ar host, Rook'shir, who devastated much of the galaxy. The powerful Imperial Guard, a team of super-powered representatives of various Shi'ar subjugate races who would answer directly to the emperor or empress, was formed to handle this threat and Rook'shir was soon defeated. His descendants were kept closely contained or killed, and the Shi'ar considered the Phoenix a deadly universal



threat. The Imperial Guard continued to serve the Shi'ar over the following centuries, led by the Guard's Praetor, Gladiator, the long-lived, extremely powerful super-being Kallark. Branches of the Guard were stationed in different parts of the galaxy, such as the Borderers or the Super Guardians, some with their own praetor; several have served in these important positions.

Eventually, Emperor Neramani came into power and he focused primarily on expanding the Shi'ar Empire, using his closest aide, Major-General Ka'ardum, to command his forces. Neramani's oldest child, Caf'syee, murdered her mother and sister and was thus exiled from the Empire. Neramani's only son, D'ken, eventually became the new emperor while the youngest child, Ullandra, came to command the Imperial Navy. D'ken's harsh techniques quickly cemented his power base. Sending scouting parties throughout the galaxy, one such mission on Earth resulted in the capture of Christopher Summers and his wife, Katherine-Anne. D'ken sought to make her his consort, Christopher resisted, and D'ken responded by slaying Katherine, and removing her unborn child from her womb. D'ken had the child, named Gabriel, artificially aged and assigned to serve his agent on Earth, Davan Shakari. Gabriel eventually escaped and briefly joined the heroic mutant X-Men group before seemingly dying in action. D'ken later sought the power of the legendary Mikraan Crystal, with which one could supposedly rule the universe. When Ullandra learned of this, she rebelled against D'ken and, after a brief war between their forces, Ullandra was apprehended and imprisoned. Her personal force, the Pathfinders, helped break her out, though most of them were killed.

Surprisingly overtaken by a psychic wave from Earth, Ullandra found herself mentally connected to mutant telepath Charles Xavier. Ullandra fled to Earth to seek Xavier's help, so D'ken tasked Shakari with thwarting this alliance. Shakari captured Ullandra and returned her to D'ken just as the emperor was ready to use the Crystal to achieve universal power. Xavier's team of mutant heroes the X-Men pursued and, alongside the intergalactic freebooters the Starjammers led by Christopher Summers as Corsair, clashed with the Imperial Guard. The battle ended with D'ken driven insane by the Crystal's energies and Ullandra ascendant to the throne, though she spent some time on Earth forming a relationship with Xavier before officially becoming empress. D'ken was believed dead, but his followers secretly hid his comatose body and had telepaths work on restoring his mind. Disliking Ullandra's leadership style, D'ken's loyalists hid within mainstream society, particularly resenting Xavier's appointment as Ullandra's Imperial Consort, a position of some authority in Shi'ar culture, and they silently plotted against her. Ullandra's forces subsequently stopped Ka'ardum's attempts to dethrone her, and she had him secretly imprisoned. Ullandra then faced an impossible challenge when the Phoenix Force took the form of one of Xavier's students, Jean Grey. Its human form was ultimately driven mad with power and destroyed the star D'bari, killing millions. Ullandra took the Imperial Guard to Earth's moon to neutralize the threat posed by Phoenix, resulting in a clash with the X-Men, which ended with Phoenix seemingly committing suicide.

Later, Caf'syee, now calling herself Deathbird, allied with the alien Brood and had the Shi'ar loyal to her kidnap Ullandra, implicating Earth in the crime. One of the loyalists, Admiral of the Fleet Lord Samédar, slew the minister Araki and assumed command of the fleet, intent on destroying Earth after the Brood kidnapped Ullandra and most of the X-Men. Upon negotiating a truce with the Shi'ar, Xavier and the remaining X-Men rescued Ullandra and their teammates, thus averting Earth's destruction. Samédar was ultimately exposed as a traitor, but not before Deathbird claimed the Shi'ar throne. In an effort to reclaim it, Ullandra and Xavier allied with the Starjammers to form a rebellion. Subsequently, a rogue Spaceknight devastated an Imperial Guard faction led by the Shi'ar Praetor Dakari, forcing the main Imperial Guard to team with other Spaceknights to resolve the situation. The rogue's armor

was utilized by a Calumrian, whose race had been taken over by the Shi'ar. Calling himself Liberator, the Calumrian was ultimately defeated. Deathbird then undertook a quest to obtain the power of the "Phalkon," leading to a clash between her Imperial Guard and Ullandra and the Starjammers. Locating the Phalkon on Earth, Deathbird discovered it to be the Phoenix Force-empowered Rachel Summers, sparking a clash with Rachel's Excalibur teammates until the Starjammers intervened, forcing Deathbird to flee empty-handed. Later, a group of shape-shifting Waskrulls infiltrated Shi'ar society, secretly imprisoning and replacing many Shi'ar leaders. The Waskrulls began committing acts of devastation and genocide, such as exterminating the entire Plindyr race. Unknowingly mentally influenced by Xavier, Deathbird sought the X-Men's help and, after a pitched battle, the Waskrulls' plot was thwarted. Deathbird surprisingly relinquished the throne to Ullandra, claiming she had tired of the empire's complicated political affairs. When a convoy of the Grand Jhar, a Shi'ar force charged with bringing new races into the Shi'ar Empire, was decimated, the genetically bred Cerise was blamed for the crime and declared a traitor. Cerise, however, fled to Earth and allied with the European-based mutant team Excalibur, even starting a romance with Nightcrawler. Eventually, Cerise was found and arrested, though Ullandra pardoned her after discovering the Grand Jhar had been engaging in genocide. Cerise was appointed as Ullandra's personal aide in order to commute her sentence.

The Shi'ar next responded to threats from the Kree Empire by declaring war, unaware that both sides were being manipulated by Kree masterminding the Supreme Intelligence and his allies the Skrulls (some of whom had infiltrated the Shi'ar, one posing as Araki). Responding decisively to this threat, Ullandra ordered the construction of a Nega-Bomb, a device that could utilize negative matter to destroy all life for light years around. A delegation of Earth's Avengers sought to convince Ullandra to rescind the order, and though she eventually agreed, the Skrulls had since commandeered the bomb and detonated it in Kree space, killing billions. Ullandra regrettably claimed the Kree empire in the name of the Shi'ar and placed Deathbird in charge as Vicerey with the Kree Starforce acting as her Imperial Guard. Deathbird was subsequently forced to deal with a Kree rebellion against the Shi'ar's rule. The Shi'ar Empire next came under attack from the deadly Uncreated, who sought to kill all races that worshipped a god. The Uncreated destroyed Shi'ar worlds and even a world of the Clench, a grouping of neutral planets not under Shi'ar jurisdiction though in Shi'ar territory, forcing Ullandra to declare temporary martial law across the empire. The Starjammers helped defeat the aliens, and one of Ullandra's aides, T'chah, was exposed as a traitorous D'ken loyalist. Ullandra later sent the young purple-skinned Shi'ar warrior Deathty to Earth to aid the Avengers for a time. There, Deathty saw the ancient Alabar and the Butcher come out of stasis for a final battle in which both were killed. Her origins still a mystery, Deathty eventually joined the Avengers, later returned to Shi'ar space, and ultimately died during a battle against the techno-organic alien Phalanx invaders when she succumbed to battle madness and her own ally Captain Universe was forced to kill her. From Earth, Shakari and his followers, the Crystal Claws, tried unsuccessfully to oppose Ullandra's rule by manipulating D'ken's illegitimate son, Adam-X, into power. Ullandra, Deathbird and the X-Men later joined forces against the deadly alien Inciliars, who sought to explode white stars in the empire. The Shi'ar briefly enslaved powerful alternate-reality telepath Nate Grey, who escaped and made Ullandra aware of the horrible state of the slave pits. After being appointed leader of the Intergalactic Council, whose delegates represented dozens of alien worlds, Ullandra presided over the Council's decision to confine humans to Earth by transforming the planet into an interstellar prison and erecting a barrier around the planet. The Council ultimately learned its ruling had been manipulated by the Kree Supreme Intelligence and opposed the Kree plot, though it cost the Shi'ar control over the Kree Empire.

The Shi'ar Empire soon came under a devastating attack from the alien Phalanx, who killed thousands before the X-Men stopped them with a specially designed virus. Months later, the Shi'ar considered combining cultures with the Spartoi race, but changed their minds when an assassination attempt was made on Llandra's life by Earth's Inhumans as part of a plot clandestinely orchestrated by the Kree. On a subsequent visit with Xavier on Earth, Llandra was unaware that his mind had been switched with that of the mummudrai Cassandra Nova, his malicious twin sister. Nova killed many Shi'ar and drove others, including Llandra, insane. Nova influenced the Imperial Guard into attacking the X-Men; however, the two teams ultimately joined forces against Nova, who was defeated after the X-Man Emma Frost tricked her into possessing Imperial Guardsman Stuff's biomorphic body. Llandra was forced to step down from her duties as majestic temporarily to allow the empire to recover from the Nova ordeal, and her marriage to Xavier was annulled. After the supremely powerful Maker (formerly the Beyonder) killed many Shi'ar, Gladiator was sent to see that she could not harm anyone else, which he did with the help of Thanos. Gladiator also investigated the cosmic Uni-Power when it posed a potential risk to the Shi'ar.

Over the years, many Shi'ar have come into contact with Earth on various quests; D'syndri, one of the remaining Pathfinders, warned Earth about a brief Shi'ar alliance with the reptilian Badoon; agents Shy'thara, Kre'shje and Fath'riah attacked Earth hero Nova (Richard Rider) to test him on behalf of Shi'ar ally race, the Xandarians; Ya'lont piloted the Imperial Guard to Earth to investigate the ancient deadly Skorn; Gladiator has pursued enemy Skulls to Earth on more than one occasion, once alongside Commander K'toth; Yahnos Tr'morr led soldiers in an attempt to retrieve the cybernetic aberration Pulse, though X-Force helped Pulse escape; the Imperial Guard dwelt on the Earth for a time at Llandra's instruction, fighting against Kree resurgents the People's Underground Militia and ancient Shi'ar enemy Eiamron the Changeling; Llandra joined a short-lived alliance with Kree and Skulls to handle the growing threat of Captain Marvel (Genis-Veil); and a force of scientists worked to kill the Phoenix Force once and for all, but were unsuccessful.

In Llandra's absence, D'ken's secret cabal of followers again made plays for power, sending the Shi'ar Death Commandos, a group of powerful and deadly aliens none of whom are known to be Shi'ar, to kill any blood relatives of the Grey family on Earth, as Rachel Grey (Marvel Girl) was currently wielding the Phoenix Force; though dozens were killed, Grey survived. Subsequently, Gabriel Summers resurfaced as Vulcan andvengefully assaulted the Shi'ar Empire, but was captured by the Imperial Guard. Seeing an opportunity for manipulation, D'ken's loyalists allied Vulcan with fellow prisoner Deathbird, not expecting the two of them to fall in love. Vulcan used his powers to restore D'ken's mind, after which they overthrew Llandra and restored D'ken to the Shi'ar throne. D'ken's allies also activated Korvus, a descendant of Rook'shir who had been imprisoned and enslaved all his life, giving him the Blade of the Phoenix and sending him against the X-Men; however, Korvus and Marvel Girl, both connected to the Phoenix, became allies. The X-Men also allied with the Starjammers to free Llandra and oppose D'ken's rule. After Llandra freed Admiral Ka'ardum from the exile she had previously imposed upon him, he turned much of the Shi'ar military to Llandra's side. Upon capturing Xavier, Deathbird and Vulcan were married on the world of the M'kraan Crystal just before Llandra's forces attacked. During the melee, Vulcan shockingly murdered D'ken and claimed the Shi'ar throne for himself, much to Deathbird's chagrin. Vulcan then murdered his father Corsair but fled after Polaris wounded him. Several X-Men subsequently joined the Starjammers in aiding Llandra's opposition to Vulcan's rule. The Hecatomb recently arrived on Earth, having followed Urizen's mummudrai, but was defeated by a team led by Rogue, who absorbed the minds into her own form.

Over the following months, Llandra, the Starjammers, and Ka'ardum's forces pulled many of the Shi'ar to their side as they battled those loyal to Vulcan. The empire began to fracture, many only staying loyal to Vulcan because of his marriage to Deathbird, though he still had the full Imperial Guard at his command. As Vulcan forces and Ka'ardum's forces prepared for final battle, they were attacked by the Scy'ar Tal, the former M'kraan inhabitants who had changed their name to mean "death to the Shi'ar". When the Scy'ar Tal proved capable of destroying entire worlds by teleporting stars into their atmosphere, Vulcan convinced the Starjammers and their allies to join forces against the Scy'ar Tal, though both sides planned on turning on the other once the threat was handled. Marvel Girl discovered that Araki had ordered the Death Commandos to attack her family and learned of the secret order in the Shi'ar government, both facts that infuriated Llandra. The resolution of this conflict remains to be seen.



TKYLL ALABAR
Avengers #378 (1994)



ALAKE
Avengers #345 (1992)



ARAKI
X-Men #109 (1979)



ARAKE
Avengers #347 (1992)



AVIOS
Maximum Security:
Dangerous Planet #1
(2000)



BABOB
X-Men: Spotlight on
Starjammers #1 (1990)



BARANKA
X-Men Unlimited #5
(1994)



CEFN
Excalibur #69 (1993)



CERISE
Excalibur #46 (1992)



CHAKAR
Rom Annual #4 (1985)



DAI'ANDRAL
X-Men: Deadly Genesis
#4 (2005)



DAKARI
Rom Annual #4 (1985)



DEATHBIRD
(Cal'syee Nenamani)
Ms. Marvel #9 (1977)



DEATHCRY
Avengers #363 (1993)



D'REHN
Starjammers #1 (1995)



ELECTRON
X-Men #107 (1977)



ELUKE
X-Men #135 (1980)



FATH'RAJ
Nova #1 (1994)



JUBER
X-Men #135 (1980)



**MILYANN TEC
HILYANI**
Starjammers #1 (1995)



KA'ARDUM
Uncanny X-Men #484
(2007)



KARANDA
Uncanny X-Men #481
(2007)



K'ILLACE
X-Men Unlimited #5
(1996)



K'RENN
Nova #17 (1995)



K'RESH'UE
Nova #1 (1994)



K'RIIN
Avengers #389 (1995)



K'TOR
Uncanny X-Men #478
(2006)



K'TOTH
Devil Dinosaur Spring
Fling #1 (1997)



L'DEROH
X-Men Unlimited #5
(1994)



LUTEN
X-Men Unlimited #5
(1994)



LYTH'KA
Captain Marvel #1
(1995)



MIMOZA
X-Men: Spotlight on
Starjammers #2 (1990)



MYL'Z-OB'RYN
Captain Marvel #1
(1995)



K'RK N'KZAI
Uncanny X-Men #157
(1982)



D'KEN NERAMANI
X-Men #97 (1976)



**LILANORA
NERAMANI**
X-Men #97 (1976)



N'RUTO
Uncanny X-Men #478
(2006)



OU'ZLI
Starblast #1 (1994)



PERI
Classic X-Men #14
(1987)



P'KAR
Maximum Security:
Dangerous Planet #1
(2000)



P'KRROD
Inhumans #2 (2000)



P'PUGLI
X-Men: Spotlight on
Starjammers #1 (1990)



ROOK SH'IR
Uncanny X-Men #479
(2006)



**KORVUS
ROOK SH'IR**
Uncanny X-Men #478
(2006)



RUGAR
Quasar #33 (1992)



SAMEDAR
Uncanny X-Men #154
(1982)



DAVAN SHAKARI
X-Men #97 (1976)



SHY'THARRA
Nova #1 (1994)



SI'ANI
Starblast #1 (1994)



T'CAHR
Starjammers #1 (1996)



YAHNOS TR'MORR
X-Force/Cable '96
Annual (1996)



VIVALI
X-Men Unlimited #5
(1996)



WIWARTO
X-Men: Spotlight on
Starjammers #1 (1990)



X-TREME (ADAM X)
X-Force Annual #2
(1993)



YA'LONT
X-Force #5 (2005)



ZA'KEN
Avengers #398 (1996)

HISTORY: Flying home with his family after a camping trip, retired US Air Force Major Christopher Summers was attacked by an alien spacecraft. When the family's largely wooden vintage plane caught fire, Summers' pregnant wife Katherine Anne saved their sons Scott and Alex by pushing them out of the plane with the only parachute. She and Major Summers, however, were abducted by the alien Shi'ar as part of a zoological expedition. Taken to the Shi'ar throneworld, Summers was sent to the slave pens while his wife was groomed to become an imperial concubine. Escaping captivity, Summers interrupted Emperor D'ken's attempted rape of Katherine. The emperor responded by slaying Summers' wife and secretly removing her unborn child. D'ken sent Major Summers to the Shi'ar mineworld Alsibar, where he encountered a female Mephitisoid as she was fleeing the guards. After witnessing her recapture, Summers sought to intervene but was rebuffed by the guards' neuro-lash. His will all but broken, Summers next encountered the Saurid Ch'od and the cyborg Shi'ar Raza. They revitalized his spirit and helped him free the Mephitisoid, who rewarded Summers by lifebonding with him. Stealing a starship, which possessed a sentient computer that Summers named Waldo (after a character in a Robert A. Heinlein story), the quartet quickly made a name for themselves by vengefully plundering Shi'ar ships as intergalactic freebooters, the Starjammers. Summers called himself Corsair, and dubbed the Mephitisoid, whose true name is unpronounceable, Hepzibah (after the character in the Pogo comic strip).

After recruiting the Lupin Cr+eee, the Starjammers learned of D'ken's plan to harness the power of the dimensional nexus within

CURRENT MEMBERS: Ch'od, Cr+eee, Havok (Alex Summers), Raza Longknife, Marvel Girl (Rachel Summers), Lilandra Neramani, Polaris (Lorna Dane), Korvus Rook'shir, Sikorsky

FORMER MEMBERS: Binary (Carol Danvers), Corsair (Christopher Summers), Hepzibah (real name unpronounceable by humans), Kalyx, Keeyah, K-zzai, Professor X (Charles Xavier), Waldo

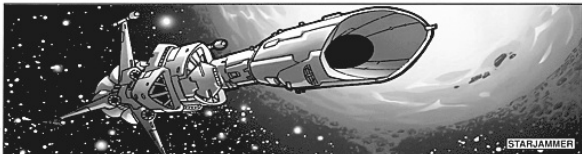
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Mobile onboard Starjammer

FIRST APPEARANCE: X-Men #104 (1977); (full) X-Men #107 (1977)

the M'kraan Crystal. Seeking to oppose him, the Starjammers joined forces with Earth's mutant heroes the X-Men, whose aid had been enlisted by D'ken's sister, Lilandra. Battling D'ken's Imperial Guard, the heroes failed to prevent D'ken from unleashing the Crystal's power. In response, Raza threw D'ken onto the Crystal, causing all present to be pulled inside. When the X-Men's Phoenix sought to repair the Crystal, she asked for Corsair's help, telling him she knew his true identity and revealing that the X-Man Cyclops was his eldest son, Scott, whom he had believed dead. Phoenix resolved the Crystal crisis and the Starjammers subsequently witnessed Lilandra's ascension to the Shi'ar throne, but Corsair asked Phoenix not to reveal his identity to Scott in the hope of sparing him the life he led. Later, a Ch'rylite whom Corsair nicknamed "Sikorsky" (after the Earth helicopter manufacturing company) joined the Starjammers as their resident doctor. Learning of a plot by Lilandra's sister Deathbird to usurp the Shi'ar throne, the Starjammers were implicated as the culprits and ambushed, but Corsair escaped to Earth, seeking the X-Men's aid. Attacked en route by a Shi'ar dreadnought,



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: CH'OD, KORVUS, MARVEL GIRL, HAVOK, POLARIS, LILANDRA & RAZA



Corsair crash-landed on Earth near the X-Men's home, and after recuperating he was confronted by Scott over his true identity. At that moment, alien Sidri hunters attacked, forcing father and son to put aside their differences and fight them together. Shortly thereafter, Corsair and the X-Men forged a temporary alliance with the Shi'ar to liberate Lilandra. With the X-Men and Tigra of the Avengers, Corsair battled Deathbird and her allies the insectoid alien Brood but failed to prevent Deathbird from kidnapping Xavier. Corsair was subsequently reunited with the Starjammers, who helped the X-Men rescue Xavier and Lilandra from the Brood and expose the Shi'ar Lord Sarmédar as Deathbird's accomplice.

For a time, the Starjammers remained on Earth with the X-Men, and Corsair was reunited with his other son Alex, now Havok of the X-Men. After the Brood captured Lilandra, the X-Men and their ally Carol Danvers, the Starjammers came to their rescue. Upon learning that Xavier had been implanted with a Brood Queen embryo, the heroes—including Carol, newly empowered as Binary—returned to Earth and sought a means to cure him. Aided by X-Men ally Moira MacTaggart, Sikorsky cloned a new body for Xavier. Following a reunion with his parents, Corsair invited Scott to join the Starjammers shortly before Scott's wedding to Madelyne Pryor.

After the ceremony, Scott declined his father's offer and, along with new member Binary, the Starjammers returned to Shi'ar space to help Lilandra reclaim the Shi'ar throne from Deathbird. En route, Lilandra learned of Xavier's failing health and bade Corsair return to Earth to help him. Via a Binary-powered warp gate, Lilandra and Corsair found Xavier and took him back to their ship to be healed once more by Sikorsky; however, an increased Shi'ar presence in their area and a damaged ship prevented them from returning Xavier home, and he reluctantly joined the crew. During their subsequent travels, the Starjammers encountered the Phoenix-empowered Rachel Summers on her quest to destroy the virtually omnipotent Beyonder, rescued Magik (Illyana Rasputin) from an alien slave trade and aided her in rescuing her New Mutants teammates from the timestream, then fought alongside them against the techno-organic alien Magus. Though presented with an opportunity to rejoin his students on Earth, Xavier chose to remain with the Starjammers to help Lilandra.

The Starjammers later embarked on a quest for the mythic "Phalkon," which was also sought by Deathbird. After recovering much of the map to Phalkon, during which the crew met Cr'ee's estranged wife and children, the Starjammers clashed with Deathbird's Imperial Guard. Binary was forced to slay the Guardsman Zenith, unaware he was Raza's brother (a secret Raza subsequently shared with Ch'od). Locating the Phalkon on Earth, the Starjammers found that it was actually the Phoenix Force that was empowering Rachel Summers. Alongside her Excalibur teammates, the Starjammers again fought the Imperial Guard and witnessed Deathbird's brief transformation into "Death-Phoenix" before Lilandra defeated her. Deathbird escaped with the Guard and the Starjammers resumed their rebellion against her rule, ultimately teaming with the X-Men to defeat the Guard and Deathbird thus restoring Lilandra to the throne. After briefly being captured and impersonated by shapeshifting alien Warskrulls who were seeking clandestine control of the Shi'ar Empire, the Starjammers bade farewell to Xavier as he returned to Earth with his X-Men. Soon after, the Shi'ar went to war with the Kree, and Lilandra assigned the Starjammers to ferry a massive weapon to the Kree homeworld via the Shi'ar's stargates, which would bring it in close proximity to Earth. Corsair strenuously objected, leaving Ch'od, Raza and Hepzibah to complete the mission; however, they were opposed en route by Wonder Man and the Vision of Earth's Avengers, who convinced the Starjammers to abandon the mission after revealing the device was a bomb. Lilandra subsequently dispatched Binary to recover the bomb, but upon learning from the cosmic hero Quasar (Wendell Vaughn) that its presence had disrupted Earth's sun, Binary abandoned her mission and risked her life to help save the sun. After the war, former Kree Admiral Galen Kor approached Raza and Hepzibah to kill the Avengers' Black Knight in response for his seeming assassination of the Kree's Supreme Intelligence, and were offered money and the whereabouts of Raza's long-lost son Rion in exchange. Accepting, Raza convinced Corsair to visit Binary on Earth, where she had



been recuperating after saving Earth's sun, and while his teammates were occupied with the reunion Raza stole away and confronted the Black Knight. Seriously wounding the Knight, Raza fled only to be found and attacked by the Avengers. Binary quickly defused the situation, and upon returning to Avengers Mansion the heroes unwittingly interrupted Hepzibah's plan to poison the Black Knight. After Raza and the Black Knight made their peace, Binary opted to remain on Earth as the Starjammers returned to Shi'ar space.

Later, Lilandra sent the Starjammers back to Earth to recover Shi'ar fugitive Cerise, pitting them against Cerise's Excalibur teammates. Cerise surrendered herself into the Starjammers' custody, and after they took her to a Shi'ar processing center they became suspicious about the claims made against her. Alongside Excalibur, the Starjammers uncovered the truth about Cerise's alleged crimes and, following Lilandra's subsequent decree, escorted Cerise back to the Shi'ar throneworld. The Starjammers were then sent to investigate growing activity along the Shi'ar/Troyan borders where they found the Hulk (Bruce Banner) drifting in space. Rescuing him, they agreed to help him and the Silver Surfer rescue his Pantheon teammates from the Trojans. After the Starjammers began ferrying Kree refugees to the safe world of Standing Still with their new Kree pilot Keeyah, they were outlawed by the Shi'ar once more. Hepzibah's hatred for the Shi'ar had recently grown to a point where it began to jeopardize the crew, causing friction between her and Corsair. The Starjammers soon learned of the Shi'ar's declaration of war against the anti-religion aliens the Uncreated and their plan to blockade them in the space above Standing Still. Seeking to prevent mass destruction, the Starjammers confronted the Uncreated with a massive holographic image of their own god, whom they believed they had killed. Rather than confront their supposed creator again, the Uncreated destroyed themselves. The Starjammers were later captured by the alien Collector and confined in a planetary refuge intended to safeguard endangered aliens from the world devourer

Galactus. When the X-Man Wolverine unwittingly exposed the planet's location to Galactus, the Starjammers helped him rescue the inhabitants and oppose Galactus. Later, alongside the Silver Surfer, the Avengers and the Fantastic Four, the Starjammers helped prevent Galactus from devouring the Shi'ar throneworld.

After Corsair took a leave of absence from the crew, the Starjammers found themselves lost in another galaxy and briefly joined Kalyx and his race the Thorns in opposing the Committee's genocidal use of Thorn seedlings as the illegal drug Hyrax. They also encountered the Zhyrn named K-zzat, which helped the Starjammers return to their own galaxy with its electrical-based powers. Recently, the Starjammers learned that Lilandra had been betrayed by her Chancellor Araki as part of a coup intended to return the recovered D'ken to the Shi'ar throne. Reunited with Havok and the X-Men, Corsair learned that D'ken's new ally Vulcan was actually Corsair's unborn son, who had been raised by the Shi'ar. Alongside the X-Men and their ally Korvus, the Starjammers helped rescue Lilandra, then aided her in opposing D'ken. After witnessing Vulcan's marriage to Deathbird on the world of the M'kraan Crystal, the heroes attacked D'ken's forces but failed to prevent Vulcan from throwing Xavier into the Crystal and killing D'ken, thus claiming the Shi'ar throne for himself. Corsair subsequently saved Lilandra from Vulcan, who seemingly killed Corsair. After the X-Man Darwin rescued Xavier, Lilandra accompanied him back to the X-Men's ship alongside the X-Man Warpath and Hepzibah, who sought to obtain more weapons with which to exact revenge on Vulcan for killing Corsair; however, to ensure Xavier's safety, Lilandra programmed the ship to return to Earth with the others still on board and teleported herself back to the battle, where the heroes ultimately forced Deathbird and the Imperial Guard to flee with an injured Vulcan. After burying Corsair, Havok took up his father's legacy as leader of the Starjammers and, joined by Polaris, Marvel Girl, Korvus and Lilandra, swore to continue the rebellion against Vulcan's rule.



CORSAIR
(Christopher Summers)
Active in X-Men #104
(1977); deceased



HEPZIBAH
(name unpronounceable by humans)
Active in X-Men #107 (1977)



CH'OD
Active in X-Men #104
(1977)



CR-EEE
Active in X-Men #104
(1977)



RAZA LONGKNIFE
Active in X-Men #107
(1977)



WALDO
Active in X-Men #108
(1977)



SIKORSKY
Active in Uncanny
X-Men #156 (1982)



BINARY
(Carol Danvers)
Joined in Uncanny
X-Men #174 (1983)



LILANDRA NERAMANI
Joined in Uncanny X-Men
#177 (1984)



PROFESSOR X
(Charles Xavier)
Joined in Uncanny
X-Men #201 (1985)



KEEYAH
Active in Starjammers
#1 (1995)



KALYX
Active in X-Men
#1 (2004)



K-ZZAT
Joined in Starjammers
#6 (2005)



HAVOK
(Alex Summers)
Joined in Uncanny
X-Men #486 (2007)



POLARIS
(Lorna Dane)
Joined in Uncanny X-Men
#486 (2007)



MARVEL GIRL
(Rachel Summers)
Joined in Uncanny
X-Men #486 (2007)



KORVUS
ROOK'SHIR
Joined in Uncanny X-Men
#486 (2007)

SWORD

CURRENT MEMBERS: Abigail Brand, Agent Deems, Lockheed, Agent Paullett, Sydren, others

BASE OF OPERATIONS: The Peak, Earth orbit

FIRST APPEARANCE: Astonishing X-Men #3 (2004)

HISTORY: SWORD (Sentient Worlds Observation and Response Department) is an Earth-based espionage agency charged with handling extraterrestrial affairs. SWORD works in tandem with the international law enforcement agency SHIELD (Strategic Hazard Intervention Espionage Logistics Directorate), pooling resources and information where needed. SWORD's existence is highly classified, and it was only through the efforts of former SHIELD director Nick Fury that the organization became aware of their counterpart's activities. SWORD's membership includes both human and extraterrestrial agents, and the organization employs extraterrestrial technology such as faster-than-light travel. SWORD agents are also given psi-shields to protect their minds from psychics. SWORD's current director is Abigail Brand, whose chief operatives include psychic extraterrestrial Sydren. At some point, the extraterrestrial "dragon" Lockheed was secretly recruited into SWORD as a mole to observe and report on the activities of the mutant heroes the X-Men in exchange for SWORD's help resolving some pressing homeworld issues.

Ord, an ambassador from the planet Breakworld, alerted SWORD to a reliable vision of the future seen by his people's augurs (psychics). In this vision, one of the X-Men destroyed Breakworld. Hoping to prevent the prophecy from being fulfilled, SWORD authorized Ord to seek an elimination of the mutant genome, employing Benetech scientist Dr. Kavita Rao to that end. Ord facilitated the kidnapping of the X-Man Colossus after his death, and secretly restored him to life for use in Rao's experiments. When the X-Men investigated Rao's operation, SHIELD director Nick Fury and Agent Brand intervened, and ultimately took Ord into custody for abusing his privileges. Despite the scandal over letting matters with Ord fall out of control, Agent Brand retained her position as director. Thereafter, SWORD continued to monitor the X-Men's activities via bugging equipment and Lockheed, and kept track of the team's battles with the sentient robot Danger and the mummified Cassandra Nova.

SWORD discovered that the X-Man in the prophecies of Breakworld was Colossus himself, meaning that Ord had potentially set in motion the very event he had tried to prevent. SWORD kidnapped the X-Men — along with Ord and Danger — and related their information to the team while en route to Breakworld. Determining that Breakworld had sent a fleet to destroy the Earth, Agent Brand hoped that bringing Colossus into their sector of space would divert the fleet, and give them an opportunity to disarm Breakworld's armaments before they could be launched to

Earth. The Breakworld fleet shot down SWORD's ship, but the crew and X-Men survived the crash-landing, then began to deal with the planet's Powerlord Kruun. Agent Deems was captured and tortured by Kruun, but used his position to conspire with Kruun's aide Syllatin.



ABIGAIL BRAND
Astonishing X-Men #3
(2004)



DEEMS
Astonishing X-Men #10
(2005)



LOCKHEED
Uncanny X-Men #166
(1983)



SYDREN
Astonishing X-Men #10
(2005)



PAULLETT
Astonishing X-Men #20
(2007)



HISTORY: An aspiring screenwriter before she chose journalism as a career, Patricia "Trish" Tilby joined W-ARC TV as a reporter. Marrying the network's news department head Paul Burton, she remained on staff after their relationship ended in divorce. Trish came to prominence as a reporter when she covered the controversy surrounding the original X-Factor organization, mutants who posed as mutant hunters while secretly aiding fellow mutants. Her drive to discover the truth behind X-Factor incited them to expose their public relations manager, Cameron Hodge, as an anti-mutant bigot. Trish was then caught in an attack by Hodge's anti-mutant organization the Right, and was hospitalized in critical condition. Recovering, she befriended X-Factor's Hank McCoy, aka the Beast, though his subsequent reversion to a blue-furred form initially unsettled her. On the front line during an attempted demonic invasion of New York, Trish was saved from a demonized subway train by Hank and his teammate Iceman, after which she kissed Hank before he rejoined the battle. Following Hank's return to Earth after an interstellar adventure, Trish realized how much she had missed him and they began dating. During a double date with his teammates Cyclops and Marvel Girl (Jean Grey), they were attacked by the Locus's giant cockroaches. Despite the danger, Trish insisted on photographing the battle for a story.

Tilby's reporting on a violent vigilante spree by X-Factor's Archangel caused friction between her and Hank, ultimately forcing her to suggest ending their relationship if he couldn't accept her job. She discussed the situation with Burton, who suggested she take a special assignment in India. Trish thanked him with a friendly kiss on the cheek, which Hank observed and misinterpreted as romantic. While overseas, Trish became a noted war correspondent, reporting on the Persian Gulf conflict. Returning to New York, she reconciled with Hank and was later sent to Genosha to cover its civil war before covering Atlantis' petition to join the United Nations. Leaving W-ARC, Trish joined CBNC where she covered stories on serial killer Linus Dorfmann, Carnage, the Sin-Eater (Michael Engelschwert), and Venom (Eddie Brock). Her major break came when she publicly revealed the mutant-killing Legacy Virus, which earned her a Pulitzer Prize nomination; however, this alienated Hank, who felt personally betrayed by her story. Trish became CBNC's anchorwoman and reported on the clash between New York's various heroes and the psychic monster Onslaught. Reconciling again with Hank following his extended imprisonment by his dimensionally displaced counterpart the Dark Beast, Trish briefly hosted her own talk show, featuring guests such as presidential candidate Graydon Creed. She also continued her work as a field reporter, covering stories on Spider-Man, the Hulk, Devil Dinosaur, the Punisher and Venom. While on a Christmas date with Hank, Trish was accidentally transported alongside the X-Men to the Shi'ar galaxy, where she helped them oppose the alien techno-organic Phalanx's efforts to destroy the Shi'ar Empire. On their return to Earth, Trish witnessed the X-Men's capture by the robotic Nanny and freed them by smashing the robot. She was then captured alongside the X-Men by a disguised Magneto and forced to serve in the jury for a mock trial of the X-Man Gambit. Returning home, Trish joined MNN and covered stories on Venom, Elektra, the Scorpion (Mac Gargan) and the

REAL NAME: Patricia "Trish" Tilby
ALIASES: Formerly Patricia Burton
IDENTITY: None
OCCUPATION: Television reporter; former anchor, talk show host, screenwriter
CITIZENSHIP: USA
PLACE OF BIRTH: New York City, New York
KNOWN RELATIVES: Paul Burton (ex-husband)
GROUP AFFILIATION: CBNC; formerly BNBC, SNN, MNN, W-ARC TV/WNBS
EDUCATION: Unrevealed
FIRST APPEARANCE: X-Factor #7 (1986)

Avengers before returning to CBNC, where she reported on Magneto's installation as Genosha's ruler. After a brief tenure with SNN, Trish next joined BNBC and returned to Genosha, reporting on Magneto's preparation for war against humanity and the island nation's subsequent decimation by Sentinels.

When Hank mutated further into a more animalistic form, Trish was forced to choose between him and her career when accusations of bestiality began to spread. Ultimately choosing her career, Trish continued to report on mutant-related stories, including a Xavier Institute press conference during which she was caught in a battle between the X-Men and Cassandra Nova. Shepherded to safety by Hank, she sought to apologize to him but he rebuffed her under the premise he was gay. Eventually resolving their differences, Trish rejoined CBNC and covered the mutant population's decimation following the events of "M-Day."



HEIGHT: 5'6"
WEIGHT: 119 lbs.
EYES: Blue
HAIR: Black; formerly brown, blonde

ABILITIES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Trish is a skilled television reporter, investigative journalist and photographer.



X-CELL

KNOWN MEMBERS: Abyss (Nils Styger), Blob (Fred Dukas), Callisto, Elijah Cross, Fatale, Marrow (Sara), Reaper (Pantu Huragob)
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Mobile
FIRST APPEARANCE: X-Factor #17 (2007)

HISTORY: In the aftermath of "M-Day," when most of Earth's mutants were suddenly depowered, numerous conspiracy theories arose as to why and who might be to blame. While groups such as the Stryker Crusade and Purity Movement favored divine will as the cause, several former mutants wrongly suspected the US government was somehow responsible. Elijah Cross, formerly able to increase his density while retaining full mobility, was one of those convinced of government culpability, further believing that the recently introduced Superhuman Registration Act was the next step in an ongoing process to either bring superhumans under government control or else eliminate them. He formed the X-Cell, a terrorist group determined to force the US government to restore those mutant powers it had taken, gathering

together several likeminded depowered mutants, all still formidable despite their lost powers. Supplied with technology to approximate their lost mutant powers by the Isolationist (Joseph Huber), Abyss used mechanical tentacles to replace his lost organic ones, Reaper utilized bionic arm blades, and Blob relied on his remaining human bulk while Callisto, Fatale and Marrow used conventional guns or blades in conjunction with their fighting skills.

They launched their campaign with an assassination attempt on Undersecretary of Defense Edward Hutchinson, hiding amongst his granddaughter Abby's Christmas presents a miniature robot disguised as a toy elephant programmed to strangle him. Hutchinson narrowly survived thanks to the intervention of his police officer son-in-law Steve, but further attacks on the government followed. The X-Cell left behind notes proclaiming their involvement and agenda, and the Office of National Emergency (O'N'E) headed the hunt for them, eventually identifying Cross as the ringleader. With the authorities closing in, and having heard rumors that former mutant speedster Quicksilver (Pietro Maximoff), now powered by the Inhumans' Terrigen Mists, could restore mutant abilities, Cross got word to his allies to converge on Pietro's residence in New York's Mutant Town district. Shortly after entering Mutant Town, Cross was cornered by two FBI agents, but the arrest was witnessed and misinterpreted as an assault by X-Factor Investigations members Wolfsbane (Rahne Sinclair) and Rictor (Julio Richter), who intervened. Cross escaped in the confusion seconds before O'N'E backup arrived. While the authorities rounded up X-Factor's members on suspicion of involvement with the X-Cell, Cross reached Pietro's house and implored him to help. Before Pietro could restore Cross' powers, Callisto warned Cross not to let Pietro try, citing a prior incident where Pietro had temporarily restored Callisto's own abilities at a painfully uncontrollable level; however, Pietro espoused a theory that he might safely restore mutant abilities if his restorative touch was siphoned through the depowered Rictor.

While the O'N'E released X-Factor on the understanding that they use their insider knowledge of Mutant Town to locate the X-Cell for the authorities, Cross sent his team out to kidnap Rictor. Having failed to convince her teammates that the X-Cell would self-destruct if left alone, X-Factor's Layla Miller used her preternatural knowledge of future events to bring the two groups together. During the ensuing battle, X-Factor captured Blob while Rictor was knocked out and taken to Pietro's house by Reaper. Wolfsbane tried to stop him, but Callisto interrupted, and the former allies each tried to convince the other they were on the wrong side. Wolfsbane was about to reveal the true culprit behind "M-Day" — Pietro's reality-warping mutant sister, the Scarlet Witch (Wanda Maximoff) — when Pietro rendered her unconscious. Pietro convinced Rictor to test his siphoning theory for the sake of the mutant race. Channeling his restorative power through Rictor, Pietro repowered most of the X-Cell, though Callisto still refused his offer. Marrow wavered indecisively in the wake of Callisto's warnings until X-Factor launched a frontal assault on Pietro's house. As the two teams battled outside, Layla Miller snuck into the house and revealed the truth of "M-Day" to Callisto and Marrow. Marrow confronted Pietro but he stabbed her with her own sword, forcing Callisto to rush her to medical aid. Outside, the repowered Cross suddenly exploded, and Abyss realized that the rest of X-Cell were also starting to overload. In desperation, he dragged Fatale and Reaper into the dimension accessible through his own body before vanishing into it himself, hoping this might stabilize or drain their unstable powers. With the group scattered or dead, and the survivors aware that their cause was misdirected, it remains to be seen if the X-Cell's terrorist campaign has come to an end.



ABYSS
 (Nils Styger)
 Active in X-Factor #19
 (2007)



BLOB
 (Fredrick J. Dukas)
 Active in X-Factor #18
 (2007)



CALLISTO
 Active in X-Factor #18
 (2007)



ELIJAH CROSS
 Active in X-Factor #17
 (2007); Died in X-Factor
 (2007) #20



FATALE
 Active in X-Factor #18
 (2007)



MARROW
 Active in X-Factor #18
 (2007)



REAPER
 Active in X-Factor #19
 (2007)



X-FACTOR INVESTIGATIONS

HISTORY: Seeking a new direction in his life and hoping to help people, former super hero and government agent Jamie Madrox (aka Multiple Man due to his mutant self-duplication ability) set up XXX Investigations, a detective agency based in New York's Mutant Town district. Two of his old teammates from the defunct government mutant group X-Factor, the lycanthropic Wolfsbane (Rahne Sinclair) and Guido Carosella (formerly Strong Guy), soon began helping him part-time. Madrox investigated the attempted murder of one of his own duplicates, tracing his movements back to Chicago, where Madrox discovered the duplicate had married Sheila Descote, fiancée of Chicago crime lord Edward Vance. Sheila had hired the duplicating assassin Clay to kill her husband when he learned she was covertly taking over Chicago's underworld one mob at a time, and now plotted to murder Vance. Madrox exposed Sheila's scheme to Vance, who slew both Clay and her. Upon returning to New York, Madrox learned that Guido had arranged for a new office door logo, renaming the company X-Factor Investigations.

After winning a million dollars on a game show, and with his duplicates becoming increasingly unreliable, Madrox expanded the size and scope of his company. When the mysterious "M-Day" event depowered most of Earth's mutants, X-Factor set out to identify the cause of this "decimation" while protecting Mutant Town's depowered populace from opportunistic mutant-haters, unaware that this made them targets of Singularity Investigations — a company run by two different aspects of the elements-and-time-manipulating Damian Tryp, the seemingly "father and son" team of Tryp's Sr. and Jr. Years ago, Tryp had murdered Madrox's parents, blocking Madrox's memories of this event. Now Tryp foresaw a future where X-Factor's discovery of the decimation's cause led to mutants' being repowered, and later to mutantkind's extermination of humanity. Madrox recruited old allies, sonic screamer Siryn (Theresa Cassidy), superstrong telepath M (Monet St. Croix) and depowered earthquake-maker Rictor (Julio Richter), the last of whom Madrox and Rahne talked down from a suicide attempt. The teenaged Layla Miller, possessing a preternatural knowledge of forthcoming events, joined them uninvited, secretly undermining their decimation investigation for

MEMBERS: Guido Carosella, M (Monet St. Croix), Jamie Madrox, Layla Miller, Rictor (Julio Richter), Siryn (Theresa Cassidy), Wolfsbane (Rahne Sinclair)

BASE OF OPERATIONS: X-Factor Investigations townhouse, Mutant Town, New York City

FIRST APPEARANCE: (XXX Investigations) Madrox #1 (2004); (X-Factor Investigations) Madrox #5 (2005)

her own, unrevealed reasons. Singularity had one of Siryn's contacts murdered, intending for Siryn to learn of their involvement and rush into a confrontation where she could be eliminated, but Layla convinced Siryn to pursue another path, exposing actor and Singularity client Jack Vaughn's murder of his girlfriend Rachel Santiago. Aware that a new X-Factor member who they believed should not have joined was clouding their knowledge of future events, Singularity sent an assassin to kill Rictor, but the true culprit, Layla, led the assassin to his own death, sending his corpse back to his employers as a warning. In retaliation, Singularity had Siryn ambushed, beaten and left for dead. The embittered depowered mutant Dr. Leery, who believed that those mutants still powered were behind "M-Day," found and kidnapped the unconscious Siryn, but Rictor soon rescued her. Suspecting Singularity's involvement, Madrox and Guido confronted Tryp while he was out jogging and delivered a warning.

Tryp invited Madrox to a meeting in Singularity's skyscraper offices, denying Singularity's involvement in "M-Day," suggesting they look to their own allies instead, and offering to buy out X-Factor. When Madrox declined, Tryp telekinetically threw him out the window; however, suspecting treachery, Madrox had sent a duplicate, which he absorbed from his vantage point across the street before it struck the ground. Testing DNA taken from both Tryps during the

**FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT:
RICTOR LAYLA, MADROX & WOLFSBANE;
SECOND ROW: GUIDO & SIRYN;
TOP: M**



meeting, X-Factor learned that they were the same man. Meanwhile, following up Tryp's comments about their allies, Stryn hypnotized Spider-Man (Peter Parker), learning that the mad reality-manipulating mutant Scarlet Witch (Wanda Maximoff) had caused the decimation, a secret concealed by both the Avengers and X-Men. Almost immediately after this revelation, X-Factor was approached by Quicksilver (Pietro Maximoff), a former teammate from the government X-Factor but also Wanda's brother and partially responsible for the decimation. Pietro hoped they could ally against the government's new Superhuman Registration Act, which he believed would eventually lead to extermination. Angry at him, but unsure of how to respond to these developments, X-Factor's powered members registered at the urging of a Madrox duplicate working for SHIELD (Strategic Hazard Intervention Espionage Logistics Directorate), but later publicly announced their opposition to the Act, facing down the X-Men when they came for Pietro and stating that they would aid him and anyone else who resisted Registration. Despite distrusting him, X-Factor let Pietro set up a medical center where he offered to use his new Terrigen Mist-procured abilities to restore lost mutant powers; however, word swiftly spread that the restorations tended to go disastrously wrong, making those tempted, such as Rictor, hesitate to take up Pietro's offer.

Madrox's personal life became more complicated when he learned that, via his duplicates, he had begun simultaneous romances with both Stryn and M. Meanwhile, microbiologist Professor Henry Buchanan sought X-Factor's protection, explaining that he had been working for Singularity on a mutant-killing virus, but, disapproving of the project, he had gathered evidence of his employer's involvement in this criminal endeavor. Having learned of his treachery, Singularity sought to kill him, and had Hydra's Dr. Locke brainwash Guido into becoming their assassin. Guido was sent with Buchanan to retrieve his files, but unfortunately for the scientist, Tryp compelled Guido to murder Buchanan. Guido told his teammates that Buchanan had simply vanished, but Wolfsbane's enhanced senses exposed the truth. Moving swiftly, the rest of X-Factor infiltrated Singularity's evacuated offices under cover of a bomb threat, hoping to find Buchanan's files. Tryp's ghostly future self confronted Madrox, M and Wolfsbane, incapacitating the last with a vision of a future where she murdered Madrox and Layla, and sought to win the others over with information about the apocalyptic future they would cause if they reversed the decimation; however, Madrox rejected Tryp's plot to unleash a mutant-killing plague. Confronted by the two corporeal Tryps, X-Factor fled Singularity's offices, but Madrox's most chaotic duplicate, accessing the hidden memory of his parents' murders, stayed behind, blowing up himself and the Tryps using explosives from Singularity's armory. An e-mailed copy of Buchanan's files was subsequently used to discredit Singularity. Stuck between timelines with his younger selves dead, the ghostly future Tryp warned Layla that he now knew she was the reason his plans had gone awry and that the game was not over.

After individual sessions with psychiatrist Dr. Leonard Samson, during which the deprogrammed Guido expressed guilt over Buchanan's murder and Wolfsbane revealed her fears over the vision Tryp had shown her, Madrox admitted his two-timing to M and Stryn. Neither took it well, but the two women accepted Layla's comment that while they might blame Madrox, they should not blame one another. Recognizing the truth in this, M and Stryn impulsively departed for Paris to shop and bond. Meanwhile, Madrox concluded that with so many duplicates scattered so far afield for so long, he no longer knew which self was responsible for what actions, and that to regain control, he needed to reabsorb them. He reclaimed his SHIELD agent duplicate despite Hydra interference, but let another duplicate, now an Episcopalian minister with a wife and child, remain independent.

Meanwhile, the Isolationist (Josef Huber), afflicted with simultaneously possessing the powers of every mutant alive, had spent years living in the Arctic, the distance slightly lessening the constant pain from conflicting powers and the telepathic barrage of other minds. When "M-Day"

reduced the mutant population from millions to hundreds, Huber found his agony dramatically reduced, and the possibility of freeing himself by slaying the remaining few suddenly seemed achievable. Unable to directly harm mutants due to a mental block, he concocted a plan to use X-Factor to gather together the remaining mutants in one place, hoping to slay most with one strike. Seeing Layla's prediction powers as a threat, he built a robot, Nicole, disguised as a young depowered mutant, designed to disrupt her abilities and programmed to assassinate her. During their Parisian trip, M and Stryn encountered a mob threatening a tenement housing former mutants, and were arrested after forcefully driving them off. Learning the mob had returned to burn the place down, the pair escaped jail after punishing one of the perpetrators, then fled France with Nicole, who fooled them into believing she had been orphaned in the fire. Back in the US, a militant former mutant group, the X-Cell, launched terrorist attacks on the government, believing them responsible for "M-Day," soon turning to Pietro to empower them. X-Factor reluctantly undertook a mission to stop them, leading to a confrontation outside Pietro's house, which ended with several of the X-Cell seemingly dead after their restored powers overloaded. Rictor used his own temporarily restored powers to strip Pietro of his empowering Terrigen crystals.

While an unidentified X-Factor member discovered she was pregnant, Rahne and Rictor began a relationship, and Guido considered an offer from his old government boss Val Cooper to become Mutant Town's law enforcement head. Huber, who found the proximity of telepaths especially painful, decoyed M and Stryn away from X-Factor by having them take a job to reunite June and Charles Tyler with their grandchildren Molly and Wally, who were being raised by their evangelical parents as anti-mutant "Purity Singers." Huber then approached Madrox, proposing that X-Factor and the X-Men gather the surviving mutants to march on Washington and demand endangered species status, and thus government protection from all harassment. Meanwhile, Nicole tried to kill Layla and make it look like an accident. Coincidentally witnessing this, an insane Pietro saved her, albeit because he wanted to slay her himself, but Layla escaped. After leading Nicole to destruction in the subway, she called X-Factor, alerting them to Huber's treachery. Huber teleported Madrox, Guido and Wolfsbane to the Arctic to die from exposure, but Rictor and the returning M attacked him. Realizing his current plan was thwarted, Huber fled and the Arctic trio was rescued. Soon after, the X-Men learned that a newborn mutant was being hunted by both the mutant-hating Purifiers and Mr. Sinister's Marauders, and they called in many of their allies, including X-Factor, to assist in rescuing the infant.



Art by Pablo Raimondi

REAL NAME: Hisako Ichiki
ALIASES: None
IDENTITY: Known to authorities
OCCUPATION: Adventurer, student
CITIZENSHIP: USA
PLACE OF BIRTH: Unrevealed

KNOWN RELATIVES: Unidentified ancestors
GROUP AFFILIATION: X-Men; formerly Xavier Institute student body
EDUCATION: Various courses at Xavier Institute for Higher Learning, Westchester, New York
FIRST APPEARANCE: Astonishing X-Men #4 (2004); (Armor) Astonishing X-Men #20 (2007)

HISTORY: Ambitious young mutant Hisako Ichiki enrolled at the Xavier Institute, aspiring to join the X-Men. When the alien Ord depowered Ichiki's friend and classmate Eddie, codenamed Wing, Hisako saved Wing's life; however, Wing later committed suicide in the X-Men's sentient Danger Room. This act liberated the Room's sentience from its programming and, after Hisako found Wing's body, the Room briefly terrorized the students and teacher Kitty Pryde using horrific holograms. When the Scarlet Witch depowered most mutants on "M-Day," Hisako was among the few mutants who retained their powers. She then participated in a battle royale with fellow students to determine who would join the New X-Men class, but failed to be chosen. Nonetheless, she remained at the Institute, and was among the students menaced by Belasco. Hisako helped the New X-Men, Kitty Pryde and Colossus battle Exodus' Acolytes, clashing with the similarly powered Unusione. Later, she saved fellow student Blindfold from a feral Beast and then opposed both Ord and Danger alongside Wolverine. When the X-Men, Ord, Danger and Hisako were abducted by SWORD agents and taken to Ord's home planet Breakworld to oppose their intended destruction of Earth, Hisako crash-landed on the planet alongside Wolverine, who appointed her a member of the X-Men. Taking the codename Armor, Hisako helped the X-Men save Earth. After returning home, Hisako joined the New X-Men's attack on the Purifiers, encountering Lady Deathstrike and her Reavers.

HEIGHT: 5'4"
WEIGHT: 112 lbs.

EYES: Black
HAIR: Black

ABILITIES/ACCESSORIES: Hisako can generate a psionic exoskeleton around her entire body by drawing strength from the line of her ancestors. This exoskeleton enhances her strength and durability, though she can only maintain it for short periods of time lest the effort leave her drained. In situations of extreme emotional stress, Hisako can significantly enhance her exoskeleton's size, strength and durability, but she can only do so briefly as the strain can render her unconscious.

INTELLIGENCE: 2 **STRENGTH:** 4 **SPEED:** 2 **DURABILITY:** 5
ENERGY PROJECTION: 1 **FIGHTING SKILLS:** 3



Art by John Cassaday

GHOUL

REAL NAME: Unrevealed
ALIASES: None
IDENTITY: Known to authorities
OCCUPATION: Serial killer
CITIZENSHIP: USA
PLACE OF BIRTH: Unrevealed

KNOWN RELATIVES: None
GROUP AFFILIATION: None
EDUCATION: Unrevealed
FIRST APPEARANCE: (Behind the scenes) Generation M #1 (2006); (voice) Generation M #3 (2006); (full) Generation M #5 (2006)

HISTORY: The deformed Ghoul was one of the few mutants to retain their powers after the "M-Day" reality warp. Loathing his own nature, the Ghoul unleashed his rage on defenseless, depowered mutants, killing many. He placed a sign reading "Not Enough Died" next to each victim and took a picture of the corpse. Convinced that Alternative newspaper reporter Sally Floyd was a "pure" superior being like himself, the Ghoul taped a package containing his anti-mutant tirade and copies of 8 of his victims' pictures to Floyd's door a week after the killings began. The Ghoul fixated on having her acknowledge the "public service" he was performing in her column, despite her initial refusal to do so. Meanwhile, the Ghoul impaled formerly invulnerable teenage mutant LaTonya Jefferson. He called Floyd from the apartment of missing mutant Violet Sanchez and demanded she print his story, throwing Sanchez's body onto Floyd's moving car when no story appeared, thus forcing Floyd to break the story. To celebrate, the Ghoul sent Floyd flowers and a picture of 13 Morlocks he'd killed days earlier. When Floyd wrote about the earlier death of her own mutant daughter, the Ghoul angrily attacked Floyd while she was interviewing the X-Men's Archangel (Warren Worthington III). Evading the X-Men's trap, the Ghoul teleported Floyd to a nearby church's bell tower and angrily berated her for "lying" about her purity, not recognizing that this belief was just his fantasy. The Ghoul tried to scare Floyd by bragging about his victims' last moments, but Floyd let herself fall out a window without giving him that satisfaction. The Ghoul angrily watched Archangel catch Floyd before X-Men leader Cyclops blasted the Ghoul, causing him to explode.

HEIGHT: 7'2"
WEIGHT: 325 lbs.

EYES: White (no visible pupil)
HAIR: Bald

ABILITIES/ACCESSORIES: The Ghoul's full powers were unknown, even to himself. He could teleport himself short distances, project intense X-ray blasts from his hands, and unconsciously block telepaths from reading his mind. He had a vestigial third arm on his left side.

INTELLIGENCE: 6 **STRENGTH:** 2 **SPEED:** 2/7 (GHOUL IS A TELEPORTER)
DURABILITY: 2 **ENERGY PROJECTION:** 1 **FIGHTING SKILLS:** 2



Art by Ramon Bachs

JOHNNY DEE

REAL NAME: John "Johnny" Dee (presumed)
ALIASES: None
IDENTITY: No dual identity
OCCUPATION: Criminal
CITIZENSHIP: USA

PLACE OF BIRTH: New York City, New York
KNOWN RELATIVES: None
GROUP AFFILIATION: Formerly 198
EDUCATION: Unrevealed
FIRST APPEARANCE: Son of M #1 (2006)

HISTORY: One of the few mutants left after "M-Day," Johnny Dee was attacked by mutant-hating humans until rescued by Spider-Man (Peter Parker) and depowered mutant Quicksilver. Dee moved to the Xavier Institute's mutant refugee camp, collectively dubbed the 198. He began collecting DNA samples of the mutants stationed there, using them to make mind-controlling dolls. When his roommate Jazz saw the dolls, Dee killed Jazz and led the other mutants to think humans had done it. Seeing an opportunity to seize power, Dee approached Office of National Emergency (O'N'E) leader General Demetrius Lazer and, in exchange for a future favor from Lazer, willingly used his Maggia doll to make Maggia kill the powerful Mr. M, who had been causing problems for Lazer. Later, when X-Force liberated many of the 198 from the camp, Lazer arrested Dee and forced him to make a doll of X-Men leader Cyclops. Dee forced Cyclops to attack the forces that were seeking to liberate the 198, initiating a battle that Lazer hoped would kill all the mutants present; however, Dee was discovered and Lazer's plot exposed. While Lazer was being questioned, Dee made a doll of him and used it to kill Lazer. The 198 situation was soon resolved, and Dee was incarcerated.

HEIGHT: 5'9"
WEIGHT: 175 lbs.

EYES: Blue
HAIR: Brown

ABILITIES/ACCESSORIES: Johnny Dee can control the behavior of others through dolls he creates from DNA samples that he feeds to an entity growing from his abdomen, a monstrous creature with a separate animistic brain, a large toothed mouth, glowing eyes and several tentacle-like appendages. The entity creates eggs from the DNA, which Johnny then retrieves from inside its mouth. Though Johnny can control the entity with effort, it has a will of its own. By holding the dolls, Johnny can read their progenitors' thoughts, feel their emotions, see through their eyes, and control their actions and powers, even willing the person to die. The affected being is resistant to telepathic attacks.

INTELLIGENCE: 2 **STRENGTH:** 2 **SPEED:** 2 **DURABILITY:** 2
ENERGY PROJECTION: 1 **FIGHTING SKILLS:** 2

Art by Yanick Paquette



MAMMOMAX

REAL NAME: Maximus Jensen
ALIASES: None
IDENTITY: Secret
OCCUPATION: Terrorist
CITIZENSHIP: USA

PLACE OF BIRTH: Unrevealed
KNOWN RELATIVES: None
GROUP AFFILIATION: Formerly the 198, Brotherhood of Mutants
EDUCATION: Unrevealed
FIRST APPEARANCE: X-Men #161 (2004)

HISTORY: The elephantine mutant Mammomax was recruited by Exodus into the Brotherhood of Mutants and they terrorized Philadelphia, but a spy within their ranks — the Juggernaut — called in the X-Men. Iceman quickly took down Mammomax, and the Brotherhood retreated in defeat before regrouping near the Xavier Institute. They assaulted the school, but their attack quickly fell apart with Mammomax severely beaten by Juggernaut. The fight ended when the Brotherhood, Juggernaut and Nocturne were drawn into the black hole within Shien Xorn's head. They arrived on Mojoworld, but eventually made their way back to Earth after trading Juggernaut and Nocturne to Mojo. Following the events of "M-Day," Mammomax was among the few mutants on Earth who retained their powers. Hunted by human extremists, he and other mutants sought sanctuary at the Xavier Institute. These mutant refugees, collectively dubbed the 198, were monitored by the Office of National Emergency (O'N'E) and not allowed to leave. During his stay in the tent city on the Institute's grounds, Mammomax and the rest of the 198 became restless, and they sought to leave with Mr. M and, later, sought help from Apocalypse. When X-Force liberated them, Mammomax and the 198 fled to a bunker in the Nevada desert. The X-Men went to retrieve them, but when the O'N'E's General Demetrius Lazer was revealed to be a traitor bent on killing mutants, Mammomax and the 198 were allowed to go free. Mammomax was eventually captured by the Facility, who unleashed the biological weapon Predator X against him. Mammomax was swiftly killed and devoured, leaving behind only his skeleton.

HEIGHT: 7'2"
WEIGHT: 915 lbs.

EYES: Gray
HAIR: Gray

ABILITIES/ACCESSORIES: Mammomax had superhuman strength and durability, as well as a prehensile trunk, thick hide, and tusks he could use to batter or impale. He could project highly corrosive acidic juices from his stomach to which he was immune.

INTELLIGENCE: 2 **STRENGTH:** 4 **SPEED:** 2 **DURABILITY:** 6
ENERGY PROJECTION: 1 **FIGHTING SKILLS:** 3

Art by Randy Green



REAL NAME: Richard Palance
ALIASES: Pan
IDENTITY: Secret
OCCUPATION: Geneticist
CITIZENSHIP: Unrevealed
PLACE OF BIRTH: Unrevealed

KNOWN RELATIVES: None
GROUP AFFILIATION: None
EDUCATION: Unrevealed
FIRST APPEARANCE: (Mentioned) X-Men #188 (2006); (full) X-Men #194 (2007)

HISTORY: Dr. Richard Palance was a geneticist whose colleague, Professor Charles Xavier, consulted him regarding the mutant Rogue's condition. Excited by her memory absorption power, Palance sampled her DNA then spliced it with a viral agent and infected himself, enabling him to absorb mutant powers. Palance established the Fordyce Clinic to lure other mutants to him, and he amassed nearly 300 individual powers as a result. Eventually, Palance realized the ultimate potential in Rogue's ability as a way to attain immortality by living other peoples' lives, and created the Strain 88 virus to allow the absorption of the entirety of another's mind with a single touch. Wanting to test the virus to ensure its safety, Palance — now calling himself Pandemic — sought Rogue as a test subject. The X-Men investigated the Clinic and encountered Pandemic's Plague Dogs, humans he had mutated far beyond their original genetic template. They captured Rogue and took her to Pandemic's India base, pursued by Rogue's X-Men teammates. Pandemic easily defeated them with his array of stolen powers before infecting Rogue with Strain 88. Pandemic then unwittingly absorbed the X-Man Sabretooth's healing factor which nullified the virus within him, rendering him powerless. A vengeful Lady Mastermind temporarily trapped Pandemic's mind within an illusory maze. Recovering, Pandemic was among the scientists contacted by the X-Man Beast in his quest to reverse the mutant gene suppression preventing new mutant births, but refused to help him.

HEIGHT: 6' **EYES:** Blue **WEIGHT:** 199 lbs. **HAIR:** Black
ABILITIES/ACCESSORIES: Pandemic could absorb mutant powers by touch due to a mutated virus within his body. He possessed over 300 super-powers including those of Rogue (power absorption), Jean Grey (telepathy and telekinesis), Nightcrawler (teleportation), Alchemy (elemental transmutation), Sunfire (flame generation), Husk (omnimorphing), Iceman (ice generation), Cannonball (thermochemical energy generation) and Sabretooth (rapid healing), as well as 17 forms of invulnerability.
INTELLIGENCE: 4 **STRENGTH:** 1 **SPEED:** 5/7 (**PANDEMIC IS A TELEPORTER**)
DURABILITY: 7 **ENERGY PROJECTION:** 2 **FIGHTING SKILLS:** 1



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PETRA

REAL NAME: Unrevealed
ALIASES: None
IDENTITY: Secret
OCCUPATION: Adventurer; former student
CITIZENSHIP: USA
PLACE OF BIRTH: Newark, New Jersey

KNOWN RELATIVES: Unidentified parents & brother (deceased), unidentified foster parents
GROUP AFFILIATION: X-Men
EDUCATION: Muir-MacTaggart Research & Development Institute, New York; some high school (incomplete)
FIRST APPEARANCE: X-Men: Deadly Genesis #1 (2006)

HISTORY: Petra was the first of her family to be born in America after her parents emigrated from Denmark. Shortly after her 13th birthday, her family went on a camping trip, during which a rockfall killed her parents and younger brother. Petra, however, unwittingly first manifested her mutant power over the earth, leaving her unharmed. After weeks in Child Protective Services' custody, she was placed in a New Jersey foster home. During an outing to Central Park, Petra once again used her powers after her foster father attempted to abuse her, causing him to sink into the ground up to his knees. Petra fled, evading the authorities by using her powers to create rock shelters to hide in. She experimented with her abilities until, when she was 16, she learned to transform coal into diamond, whereupon she sold it to a pawnbroker who alerted the police. Captured, Petra was placed in the custody of world-renowned geneticist Moira MacTaggart who began training her in her powers. She and MacTaggart's other young students were later recruited by Moira's colleague Professor Charles Xavier to join his X-Men and rescue the team's original members from the living island Krakoa. Locating Cyclops on the island, they freed him then went to save the others; however, the island savagely retaliated, slaying Petra's teammate Sway first, then striking the others with a lava blast. As she died, Sway slowed time around her partners, allowing Petra's natural reflex time to pull herself and the others below ground into a small cavern she created with her own dying effort, enabling her teammates Darwin and Kid Vulcan to survive.

HEIGHT: 5'10" **EYES:** Brown
WEIGHT: 143 lbs. **HAIR:** Blonde
ABILITIES/ACCESSORIES: A geo-morph, Petra could psychokinetically manipulate earth and rock for various purposes, including reshaping rock, causing earthquakes, or altering its consistency — for instance, transforming coal into diamond.
INTELLIGENCE: 2 **STRENGTH:** 2 **SPEED:** 2 **DURABILITY:** 2
ENERGY PROJECTION: 3 **FIGHTING SKILLS:** 3



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REAL NAME: Suzanne Chan
ALIASES: None
IDENTITY: Secret
OCCUPATION: Adventurer; former student
CITIZENSHIP: USA
PLACE OF BIRTH: San Diego, California

KNOWN RELATIVES: David & Emily Chan (parents, deceased)
GROUP AFFILIATION: X-Men
EDUCATION: Muir-MacTaggart Research & Development Institute, New York; high school graduate
FIRST APPEARANCE: X-Men: Deadly Genesis #3 (2006); (Sway) X-Men: Deadly Genesis #4 (2006)

HISTORY: Born to naturalized American parents shortly after they emigrated from Hong Kong, Suzanne Chan lived a normal life until the fateful day her parents accompanied her to New York to visit Barnard College, where she hoped to further her studies. While visiting Chinatown, they were caught in the crossfire of a gang shootout during which Suzanne unwittingly manifested her mutant ability to stop time, preventing the bullets from hitting her; however, she could only watch as her parents were killed. Briefly hospitalized, Suzanne returned to the scene of the crime where she learned she could use her power to replay past events. Locating the killers, Suzanne froze time around them, allowing the police to arrest them without incident. Placed in the care of world-renowned geneticist Moira MacTaggart, Suzanne joined a group of other young mutants at Moira's research facility where she was trained in the use of her powers and given the codename "Sway." She and her fellow students were later recruited by Moira's colleague Professor Charles Xavier to join his X-Men and rescue that team's original members from the living island Krakoa. Locating Cyclops on the island, they freed him then went to save the others; however, the island savagely retaliated, cutting Sway in half. With her dying act, Sway slowed time around her teammates, granting them a fighting chance against Krakoa's onslaught. Thanks in part to her efforts, her teammates Darwin and Kid Vulcan survived.

HEIGHT: 5'9"
WEIGHT: 137 lbs.

EYES: Brown
HAIR: Black

ABILITIES/ACCESSORIES: Sway could control time within her immediate vicinity, enabling her to slow or stop time in minute radiuses or to replay the recent past in short bursts, witnessing recent events as ghostly images.

INTELLIGENCE: 2 **STRENGTH:** 2 **SPEED:** 2 **DURABILITY:** 2
ENERGY PROJECTION: 3 **FIGHTING SKILLS:** 3

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PETRA
 (Unrevealed)
 Joined in flashback in
 X-Men: Deadly Genesis
 #4 (2006);
 deceased



SWAY
 (Suzanne Chan)
 Joined in flashback in
 X-Men: Deadly Genesis
 #4 (2006);
 deceased



DARWIN
 (Armando Munoz)
 Joined in flashback in
 X-Men: Deadly Genesis
 #4 (2006)



VULCAN
 (Gabriel Summers)
 Joined in flashback in
 X-Men: Deadly Genesis
 #4 (2006);
 not currently a member



MYSTIQUE
 (Raven Darkholme)
 Joined in X-Men #181
 (2006);
 not currently a member



WARPATH
 (James Proudstar)
 Joined in Uncanny
 X-Men #475 (2006)



SABRETOOTH
 (Victor Creed)
 Joined in X-Men #192
 (2006);
 not currently a member



OMEGA SENTINEL
 (Karima Shapandar)
 Joined in X-Men #192
 (2006);
 not currently a member



LADY MASTERMIND
 (Rogan Wynnard)
 Joined in X-Men #192
 (2006);
 not currently a member



ARMOR
 (Hisako Ichiki)
 Joined in Astonishing
 X-Men #20 (2007)



HEPZIBAH
 (real name unpronounceable
 by humans)
 Joined in Uncanny
 X-Men
 #486 (2007)

PRO-FILE: ERIC J. MOREELS

REAL NAME: Eric John Moreels

ALIASES: Dad, E, Comixfan; formerly ComiX-Fan, X-Fan, Elf

OCCUPATION: Freelance writer, website content administrator

CITIZENSHIP: Australia

PLACE OF BIRTH: Wagga Wagga, New South Wales, Australia

KNOWN RELATIVES: Kyle, William & Andrew (sons), Irma (mother), Harry (father, deceased), numerous other relatives



GROUP AFFILIATION: OHoTMU team, EzyDVD Head Office staff, Comixfan staff, Marvel.com moderators; formerly Cinescape staff, Fandom.com staff, Royal Australian Navy

BASE OF OPERATION: Adelaide, South Australia

EDUCATION: Partially completed Bachelor of Information Technology, Charles Sturt University

FIRST APPEARANCE: Weapon X #1½ (2002)

ORIGIN: May 18, 1969

HISTORY: A comic book reader from a young age, Eric developed a fascination with Marvel's X-Men which he took online when he founded the X-Fan website in 1996. After brief partnerships with Fandom.com and Cinescape Online, X-Fan became Comixfan, and Eric made his comic book debut as a hapless guard in Marvel's Weapon X #1½. His "x-pertise" has been featured in the Cinescape magazine, on the Today Tonight current affairs show in Australia, as well as in The Advertiser newspaper in Adelaide. Eric subsequently turned his passion into a freelance gig with Marvel, beginning with the X-Men Encyclopedia in 2003 and continuing on into the current incarnation of Official Handbooks beginning with the X-Men 2004 Handbook.

HEIGHT: 6'4"
WEIGHT: 242 lbs.

EYES: Blue
HAIR: Brown

ABILITIES/ACCESSORIES: Eric possesses numerous parenting-related skills, a near-encyclopedic knowledge of Marvel's X-Men universe, good computer skills, a talent for writing and editing, and a memory that retains numerous trivial facts (especially music trivia). He was also trained in accounting, firefighting, small arms, and other various courses during his service with the Royal Australian Navy. He possesses far too many comic boxes containing X-Men and related titles, as well as an ever-growing DVD collection. He is also an adept poker player, an avid movie and video game buff, and retains a youthful appearance and demeanor for his age.

PRO-FILE: CHAD ANDERSON

REAL NAME: Chad Anderson

ALIASES: Chadman, Chadderbox, Chad-to-the-Bone, and other Chadisms

OCCUPATION: Marriage and Family Counselor, Addictions Specialist, OHoTMU researcher

CITIZENSHIP: USA

PLACE OF BIRTH: Springfield, MO

KNOWN RELATIVES: Megan (wife), Ken and D'Ann (dad and stepmom), Sheryl and Frank (mom and stepdad), Karren, Kathy, Kara, Susan, Sheri (sisters), Brett (brother), Bryant, James, Justin, Alec, Dallin, Braydon, Branson, Tyler, Caden (nephews), Janelle, Aisha (nieces), various in-laws



GROUP AFFILIATION: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, National Association of Social Workers, National Association of Forensic Counselors, OHoTMU team, Masters of the Obscure

BASE OF OPERATION: Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

EDUCATION: Masters in Social Work (Eastern Washington University), Bachelors in Social Work (Boise State University)

FIRST APPEARANCE: Official Handbook of the Marvel Universe #7 (2006)

ORIGIN: November 24, 1978

HISTORY: Chad started working at a comic shop in high school to support his new comic collecting hobby and he quickly became a fan of all things Marvel. During his six years in college, Chad started writing fan fiction about Marvel characters and eventually began compiling profiles for the Marvel Appendix, from which he was recruited to help with the Official Handbooks. Chad works as a mental health and addictions counselor in north Idaho, does improv comedy, and enjoys every moment of time he gets with his new wife.

HEIGHT: 6'
WEIGHT: 200 lbs.

EYES: Brown
HAIR: Brown

ABILITIES/ACCESSORIES: Chad is enthusiastic and dedicated to what he loves, including comics. Typing 86 words per minute, Chad is a great multi-tasker and has a hard time sitting still. Chad does a lot of traveling, hiking, exploring, and reading. He teaches a weekly Sunday school class, does private counseling, and facilitates weekly drug and alcohol groups.

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Magik (Rasputin)
Mammomax
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Irene Merryweather
New X-Men
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